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Classic view

The above photograph shows the Head of Blundell's, Mrs Nicola Huggett, with the Mayor of Tiverton, Mrs Janet Rendle, and her consort, Mr John Rendle, together with the Town Beadle and Mace-Bearer, before entering the Chapel on Old Blundellian Day. It is customary for the Mayor to attend the event, and to respond to a toast in his or her honour at the luncheon. Indeed, this tradition almost certainly dates as far back as the creation of the post of Mayor of Tiverton nearly 400 years ago, in 1615, when the town received its Royal Charter of Incorporation. The first Mayor, Richard Spurway alias Hill, was a nephew of Peter Blundell, and over the years many mayors and members of the Town Council have been closely associated with the school: either as governors, masters, former pupils, or parents of pupils - in fact, the present Mayor and her husband, an Old Blundellian himself, had two sons at Blundell's in the 1990s.



Blundell's is a key West Country independent school which supports and guides young people to achieve their very best in whatever sphere they choose. Founded in 1604, this day and boarding school for boys and girls aged 11 to 18 is a vital community with a rich history and a great appreciation of the need to move with the times.

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Front cover: Rowan Carew, Freya de Lisle and Oscar Mustard after winning the English Speaking Union's national competition to find the best young public speakers. See their report on page 6

HEAD'S INTRODUCTION



The start of the new academic year is always a time of excitement and this is certainly true at Blundell's. As I begin my first autumn term here, I can hardly believe that I have been part of the community for less than a year. Over the last two terms, the determination, commitment and creativity of Blundellians, past and present, has amazed me and I know that you too will enjoy all that is celebrated within these pages of the new Diary. It is the Head's privilege to be able to experience and enjoy all the many challenges that the members of our community set themselves throughout the year, and I have been so impressed by all those who have contributed to the activities - inside and outside the classroom - that are featured here.

Whilst in recent weeks we have celebrated, with our pupils, their excellent examination results and well deserved places at the universities of their choice, it was during speech day that I was able to pay tribute to the pupils and staff for all they have done: climbing mountains, both literally and metaphorically, raising huge amounts (£20,000!) for charity, winning trophies and prizes, creating works of art, performing in both drama productions and music of the very highest quality and generally enjoying the great range of pursuits on offer. Historically, and in particular since the famed Neville Gorton's days as Head Master, the breadth of variety in co-curricular activity has been a treasured facet of Blundellian life. I sincerely believe, as he did, that pursuing different interests in addition to the rigours of academic work, no matter how demanding they are, encourages young people to be interesting, cultured and versatile. Blundellians play as hard as they work, set their sights high and fill every moment, whilst still remaining outward looking and outward thinking individuals.

With all these wonderful opportunities to lead, participate in and enjoy, you might be forgiven for thinking that we had little time for future planning. This is most certainly not the case and right across the community we refuse to be complacent about the need to continue to broaden our horizons, as our predecessors for the last four hundred years have always done. As a school we will now move forward to implement the first stage of our new school strategic development plan which, through a number of different structural changes, will give our pupils the confidence to embrace change in a way that ensures they are ready to make their mark on the future. Our plans, which have brought our whole community together in the making and are summarised on the website, will be important first steps to build the school's strength in academic and pastoral provision whilst maintaining the things we treasure and are renowned for: warmth, generosity, teamwork and a healthy competitive spirit which seeks to achieve the very best.

I thank the staff and pupils for their energy and commitment and the parents, Old Blundellians and many other friends of this school, past and present, for their enduring support that makes all things possible. There is a very evident happiness factor at Blundell's which stems from the satisfaction of a job well done. Each and every member of the community contributes to this and we appreciate all the wonderful benefits that this positivity brings.



Nicola Huggett
Head



Cameron Seymour making a break for the tryline against RGS Guildford
Inset: The Blundell's U16 rugby team at the pre-season festival

Rugby Festival

On Saturday 31st August Blundell's hosted the third annual U16 pre-season rugby festival. The festival saw twelve of the top rugby schools from around the country taking part in a fiercely competitive and memorable tournament. It was a fantastic day and fine weather allowed for fast paced, expansive rugby. The standard was very high and all the teams should be commended for this. Bedford School emerged victorious at the end of the day, beating Abingdon 19-7 in the final.

Play tennis, have fun, save lives

Every year tennis clubs and schools around the UK sign up to the Save the Children Tennis Tournament to raise money for the charity. Blundell's has been a regular supporter of the initiative for the last nine years and in 2012 raised more funds through the tournament than any other school. Even more money (£3,200) was raised at this year's event, mostly through the tremendous efforts of School House in obtaining sponsorship. Many of them dressed in fancy dress too, making

for some very colourful matches (though possibly difficult to play judging by some of the outfits).

The girls' tournament was won by Ellie Acfield and Ottilie

Mundy in a very exciting final against Millie Attwell and Sparkle Menzies, while for the boys Jack Dummet and Jack Gibbs won a closely fought final against Ed Smith and Jack Watt. Several other prizes were also awarded - for the most polite on the day (Phoebe Clarkson), most sponsor money so far (Issy Fraser, £200) and for fancy dress. The winners of the tournaments and possibly the runners-up go through to the regional round of the tournament, usually held at an indoor centre in September and the regional winners go on to the national final.

The adult tournament, won by Kate Wright and Sue Norman for the Ladies and Michael Bennett and George Williams in the Mens, raised £350.

Save the Children is always keen to hear from volunteers who could organise tournaments in their local community or help at the national finals and can be contacted on tennis@savethechildren.org.uk for more details.



Some of the pupils in their fancy dress outfits

Blundell's Unplugged



This was a fantastic event showcasing some of the musical talent at Blundell's and raising £800 for the Devon Community Foundation at the same time. The performers were Jodie Atkins, Jess Atkins, Rory Clark, Hector and Aeneas Michalopoulos and the Djibouti Breakfast Bar and many of the pieces were original compositions. Look out for these rising stars in the years to come. The event was conceived and organised by the pupils' charity committee co-ordinated by Rowan Carew.



Splat!

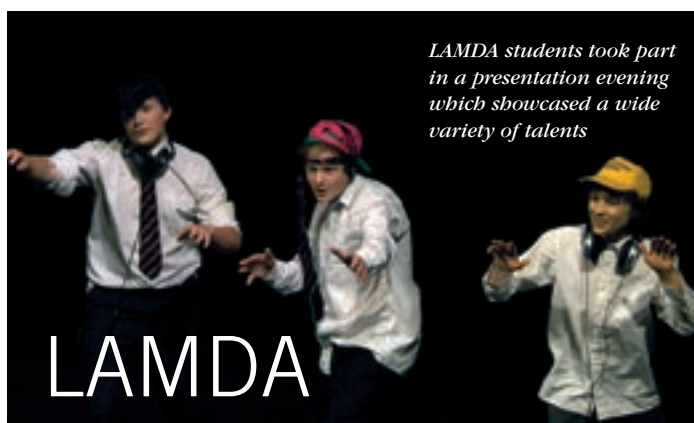
Several brave members of staff volunteered to be 'splatted' with wet sponges by School House which raised £100 for the Red Cross.

Art raises funds for good causes



Judit Lam with one of her fundraising paintings and Ella Reade of Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled Group (left) and Linda Rutherford of Women of Worth

Judit Lam (Year 10) has used her artistic talents to raise more than £400 for the charities Women of Worth (WOW) and the Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled Group. She sold her paintings in a silent auction and several of them created a bidding war, with one painting fetching £120 worth of bids. Judit also produced postcard versions of some of her pieces which were sold for 50p in school. She paints a variety of subjects including animals, people and townscapes and previous work has included a portrait of David Attenborough, commissioned by Blundell's biology department. Other members of GH have also been fundraising in support of these causes.



LAMDA students took part in a presentation evening which showcased a wide variety of talents

LAMDA

All 45 students who took London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) examinations in the summer passed and 22 Distinctions and 18 Merits were awarded. Distinctions are awarded to students who achieve 80 marks or more and four Blundell's students did extremely well by reaching over 85 marks: Ella Clancy for her Grade 6 (Bronze Medal) Acting exam; Henry Mules for his Grade 5 Acting exam; Bethan Wesley and Francesca Thornton Wood for their Grade 4 Devising Drama exam.

Also scoring very highly were Felicity Charlesworth (Acting), Courtney Nation (Acting) and Maxime le Chevallier (Using Spoken English). Medals were also awarded to Thomas Golden and Lawrence Gash (Gold Medal Acting), Oliver Tobey (Gold Medal Public Speaking) and Jack Webber (Bronze Medal Acting).

NATIONAL WINNER



Congratulations to Sam Talbot (Year 9) who won gold at the English Schools Athletics Association Championships in the junior boys' 75m hurdles with a time of 11.34 seconds. Sam was unbeaten throughout the preliminary rounds and went into the final as the fastest qualifier from the heats. His achievement was particularly impressive as he hadn't done any hurdle training in more than a month and couldn't fit in any last minute training as he was on a school cricket tour in the week before the event. Sam has had a great season in schools' track and field; he is top of the UK pentathlon rankings after taking the South West title and will compete at the National Schools' Combined Events in September.

DON'T FORGET

You can keep up to date with the latest Blundell's News at www.blundells.org/admin/news.htm



These little piggies came to school

The outgoing head boy and girl team of Lewis Steer and Charlotte Routledge revived a Blundell's tradition in their final term at school - keeping pigs! This was once a perk of being head boy and Lewis and Charlotte decided to reintroduce the custom. After seeking permission and the permits required, two saddleback cross pigs arrived in the summer term and were named Russell (after the famous 18th century sportsman Parson Jack, a former pupil) and Randall (after the recently retired second master). The pigs were quartered near Westlake and had a very sociable time, receiving regular visits during break times, before and after school and for biology lessons.

Photo: APEX



The U13 hockey team with their coach Mr James Mayes

Young hockey stars

The hugely successful Under 13 girls' hockey team were runners-up in an exciting final at the recent England Hockey National finals. The team, representing the West region, had beaten off challenges from schools from across the country - Queenswood (Herts) 2-0, Kirkham (Lancs) 1-0, Trent (Notts) 2-0 and reigning champions Cranleigh (Surrey) 2-1 to come top of their group. In the national final they played Eagle House (Berkshire) and, despite playing a very good match, the Blundell's team could not repeat their group games performances and lost to a strong side. All ten girls put in great performances throughout the tournament with Anna Gabbitass, Millie Attwell, Ellie Emo and George Pitts in particular playing extremely well.



GH Quiz

Pippa Vos (Year 11) organised a GH Charity Quiz to raise money for Epilepsy Action and is pictured holding the cheque for £60 and with the prize winners: Charlotte Orrell won the prize for 'What is the meaning of life (in 20 words)?'; Silvie Mills and Izzy Shaw were joint winners and won a £5 voucher each, while Tash Nicholson won the Year 10 prize and Maddie Dart the Year 9. Katharine Sendell (not pictured) won the Year 12 prize.



In the Pink

For the second year running a group of Blundell's girls (also known as The Pink Ladies) ran the Torbay Race for Life and raised £1148. Aside from donations and sponsorship, the girls also hosted a cake sale which helped go beyond the target of £1000. They hope to raise even more next year for Cancer Research UK. Laura Skinner and Millie Blackmore also took part in Race for Life in Exeter raising even more for the charity.

Early Christmas shopping?

Once again the Tiverton Friends Group of Children's Hospice South West will be holding a food and craft fair on Wednesday 30th October from 10.00am to 7.00pm. Last year's event was a great success, raising £4,000 pounds for this wonderful cause. The aim is to have a range of craft, art and food stalls providing an opportunity for an early start to Christmas shopping all under one roof, together with demonstrations for adults and activities for children. Tea, coffee and cakes will be available throughout the day.

There will also be another chance to track down presents at the Friends of Blundell's Prep School Christmas Market on Saturday 16th November from 10.00am - 12.30pm.

PROJECT UPDATE

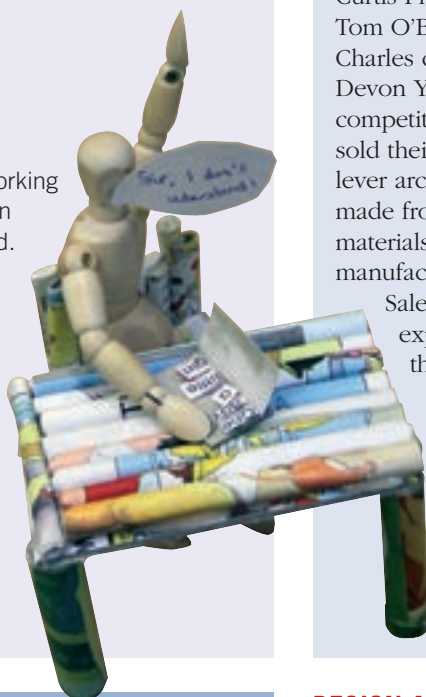
A number of the projects featured in the last Diary have been winning awards and accolades for the teams and individuals involved.



The Eco Arts Classroom display

Go4SET

Three teams in Year 8 successfully completed their Go4SET projects working with engineers from Pell Frischmann and Mouchel over a ten week period. The projects chosen by the teams were 'Community Sports Venue', 'Eco Stadium' and 'Eco Arts Classroom'. They were judged at the Big Bang South West at Exeter University and the judges were very taken by the high standard and very professional reports from the Blundell's teams. As part of the project the teams also went on a company visit to Mary Tavy Hydroelectric Power Station.



Young Enterprise



The team of Sam Coombe, Curtis Pitts, Holly Keevil, Tom O'Brien and Ben Charles competed in the Devon Young Enterprise competition where they sold their 'kiwicase', a lever arch file protector made from locally sourced materials and manufactured locally.

Sales exceeded expectations and they were left with only two products at the end of the day. They were awarded runners up and invited back to an innovation fair.

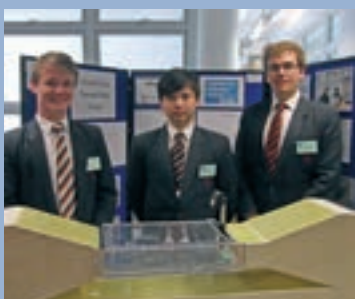


CREST

Forty two pupils in School House have been awarded their Bronze CREST certificates, awarded by the British Science Association, for the projects they have worked on over the last two terms. The standard of the projects was impressive to see at the recent STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) celebration held in school and pupils were able to explain and answer questions fluently about their projects, which varied from toothpaste development to designing chocolate bars or clothing for triathletes, testing washing powder to making a solar powered kit car.

ENGINEERING SUCCESS

The team of The team of Elliot Finch, Gabriel Cheung and Oliver Pritchard-Barrett (Year 12) won the South West heat of the Engineering Education Scheme (EES) schools competition with their bench top wind tunnel. In a very intense contest, they had to submit their report for the judges' scrutiny, give a 15 minute presentation and an in-depth interview to test their understanding and impressed the judges to secure overall first place in the competition. The team also entered the project into the National Science and Engineering Competition (NSEC) and were awarded with the CREST (Creativity in Engineering Science and Technology) award for 'Creativity in a Project or Outcome' and won a plaque plus Amazon vouchers. In addition, their project was one of only ten projects nominated from the South West area to go through to the finals of the competition in London next year.



DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY AWARD

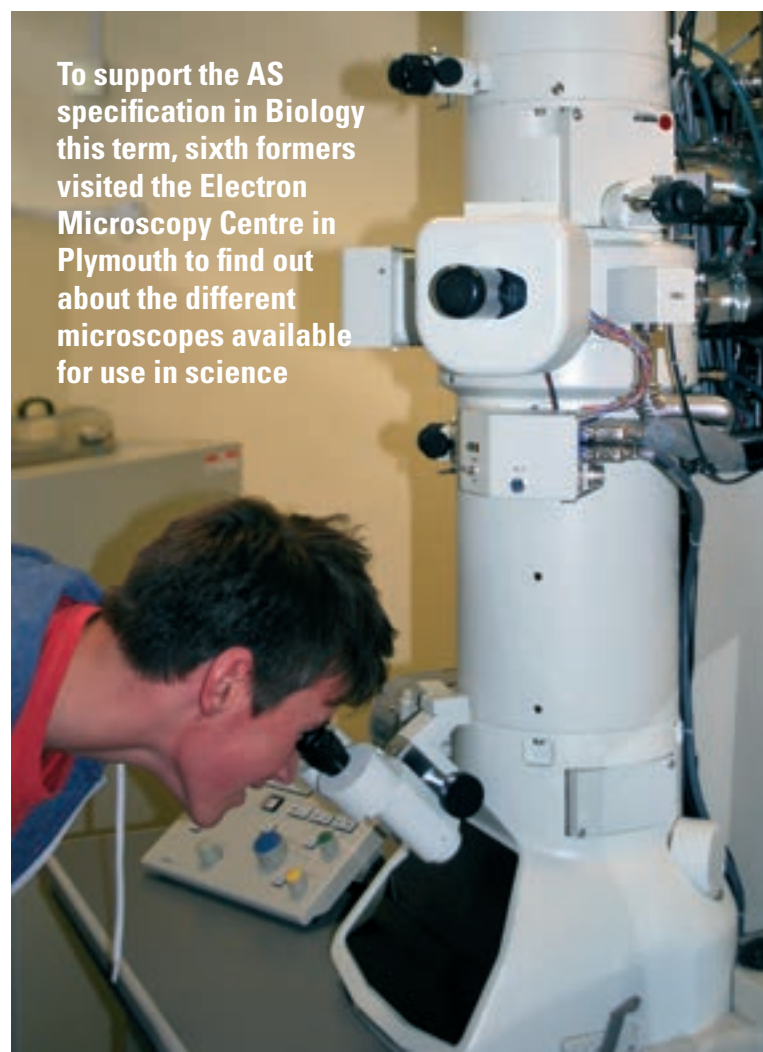
Oliver Pritchard-Barrett's extension lead for use in the construction industry and designed as part of his Design and Technology AS project, won him the top prize in the North Devon Manufacturer Awards for schools. In front of an audience of 200, including representatives from many large manufacturing companies, and up against more than 60 entries from other schools, Oliver was awarded a cut glass trophy, a certificate and a £100. The judges described his extension lead as a very aesthetically pleasing and extremely innovative design that would be suitable for going into mass production.



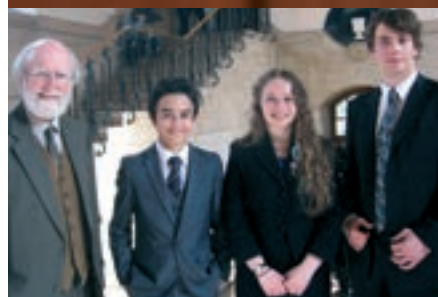
In *and* Out of the Classroom

Earlier this year the school welcomed the Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) team into its midst. After a week of lesson observations, interviews, examining pupils' work and watching activities, attending chapel services, meetings and assemblies and eating in the dining hall, the inspectors' report concluded that Blundell's is highly successful in achieving its aims with pupils experiencing a 'wide-ranging education, based on an excellent curriculum'. Amongst the many areas identified as excellent in the report was curricular and extra-curricular provision: the inspectors noted that the academic curriculum is 'a very good, wide and balanced programme', while the activities programme is extensive and enthusiastically embraced by pupils and staff alike. These pages highlight some of the provision that so impressed the inspectors.

The full ISI report can be seen on the website.



To support the AS specification in Biology this term, sixth formers visited the Electron Microscopy Centre in Plymouth to find out about the different microscopes available for use in science



The winning team with Mr Tim Dyke who won a long service award

More than 300 schools from across England and Wales entered the English Speaking Union's competition to find the best young public speakers and, at this year's final, the Blundell's team of Rowan Carew, Freya de Lisle and Oscar Mustard were crowned the winners. In addition, Oscar won the individual category as Outstanding Personality, which was judged by a ballot from amongst the audience of all the schools competing and their supporters, while Blundell's Head of English Tim Dyke was presented with a long service award by the ESU. Here the team reflects on taking part in the competition.

Blundell's team

Blundell's School has been entering the English Speaking Union competition for over 25 years - at last reaching the national final in 2013. For us it had been a very long journey, starting with three rounds in Year 10 before going the full distance in Year 11, each time prepared and accompanied by Mr Dyke, our English teacher.

To win the entire competition after a mesmerising day in London was both unexpected and immensely fulfilling. On reflection, we think that we were fortunate enough to touch on a winning formula. With regards to what it takes to become the winning team, the general consensus is a great cliché - a team needs to enjoy the competition. The speaker must relish his or her research, be knowledgeable, passionate about the topic and most of all enjoy the occasion itself. The chairperson should take delight in setting the tone of the event and the questioner must genuinely be intrigued by the speaker's choice of



Oscar Mustard on his way to winning Outstanding Personality in the competition

talks their way into winning national final

topic. Spontaneity makes a team performance more engaging in competition, and through a clear yet relaxed frame of mind this can be achieved. Confidence and a winning mentality make a team even stronger - being determined to 'give it your best shot' is vital to succeed. No matter what is being said, someone with presence and flair on the floor will catch the attention of both the audience and the judges, something that can be vital in a four-round competition.

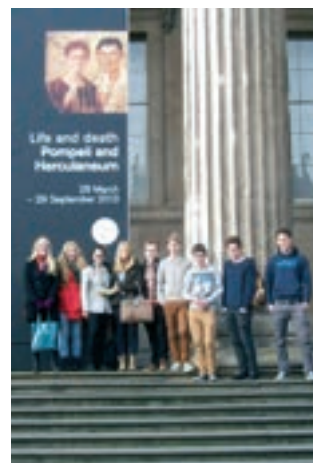
The competition itself was greatly enjoyable, with eight articulate schools from across England and Wales taking part. We quickly ascertained the calibre of the competition as it progressed, and we knew that matching the standard set would be no easy task.

Once the speeches had been made we found the competitors to be as equally fascinating as

the subjects they had picked. We all found much in common with our colleagues, especially Oscar, who spent most of the interval debating Formula 1 with a fellow enthusiast.

The ESU's public speaking competition final was a tremendous experience not just for us but we believe for everyone involved. The opportunity to speak at such a stage of the competition was a hugely significant achievement for all students, and is something that no doubt will be on everyone's CV for the future. The beauty of the competition is that it enables students to express themselves in front of the public, a skill that is no easy task for anyone. We believe that the competition truly provides the foundations for one to build upon one's ability to stand up and speak; so easy to say and so difficult to do effectively.

Rowan Carew, Freya de Lisle, Oscar Mustard (Year 11)



Studying the Classics in London

Eight lucky sixth formers, together with Dr Whalley and Mr Wynell-Mayow, travelled to London earlier this year, intent on cultural betterment and scholarly endeavour.

After successfully negotiating London streets and 'minding the gap' in the underground, we arrived at that beacon of art and culture, the British Museum. Students had been provided with guidelines as to where all the cool ancient stuff was, but were free to check out the many other treasures of the museum, including the clock collection and the Japanese rooms right at the top. Happily, the rarely open Room 16 was ready and waiting, so students had the opportunity to view the beautiful sculptures from the Temple of Apollo at Bassae up close.

The next intellectual adventure was a talk hosted by the Virgil Society, about the motif of 'purple' in the Aeneid, which has been (and will be) studied by all the students. Although they were the youngest attendees by a long stretch, the students were all able to gain something from the lecture, even if it was the observation of some of the more 'interesting' characters involved in classical scholarship.

Dr Jo Whalley

In *and* Out of the Classroom



Balliol College, Oxford Picture: Ian Taylor

Maths at Oxford

When I was invited to a summer Maths camp at Balliol College, Oxford after scoring well in the Maths Challenge, I was naturally apprehensive. Despite enjoying the subject, I doubted that spending a week of my summer doing nothing but the subject would be quite my idea of fun. However, I accepted the offer and in hindsight I can say that this was a good decision.



During my stay in Balliol, I was challenged by some very high level maths, most of which was at university standard or even above. I cannot truthfully say I understood all the maths that I was faced with, but this added to the experience. We were given the privilege of lectures from some of Oxford's greatest mathematicians, and also received small group tutorials from their tutors.

I also experienced a taste of life as a student at Oxford; sleeping in student accommodation and eating in the grand halls in Somerville, Christchurch and Balliol. Alongside all this was the chance to socialise and during that week I met some people that I doubt I will ever forget.

Grace Curtis (Year 11)



Picture: Ian Taylor

'During my stay in Balliol, I was challenged by some very high level maths, most of which was at university standard or even above.'



The Scholars' Society

'Is reading books so important?' is one of the subjects for the junior essay prize

'...thou I am not myself a scholar, I will be the means of making more scholars than anyone else in England.' This statement, attributed to Peter Blundell, highlights the importance of scholarship to Blundell's for over four hundred years. In recent years, Blundell's pupils have been able to take advantage of an increasing range of opportunities to satisfy their thirst for learning, with a great deal of success. We are particularly proud of Elliot Finch's recent commendation from Peterhouse, Cambridge, for his Kelvin Science Prize essay, on the subject of the Higgs boson.

Indeed, the ISI inspectors confirmed that our pupils have 'excellent attitudes towards their learning, being willing, co-operative and eager to succeed' and their engagement in our 'excellent' curricular and extra-curricular provision is exciting. This year, we have launched the annual scholars' dinners, an essay prize competition and a series of scholars' events which open pupils' eyes to a wide variety of different aspects of learning and scholarship. Compulsory for those who hold formal scholarships, they are open to all and have proved immensely popular.

The essay competition, launched in June, is open to pupils with an interest in a range of different academic disciplines. Pupils will submit an essay on titles such as 'Deep Sea Living, it's a tough life' for the juniors or 'Could the trade deficit with China be solved with 3D printing?' for the seniors. Essays require a high level of research and engagement in topics which are not necessarily taught in the classroom.

Finally, the Scholars' Societies are changing from September 2013. Students now have a chance to discuss different areas of interest in mixed age groups and a wide variety of different activities are on offer. With all Year 7 and Year 8 members of the Society having the opportunity to learn ancient Greek, older pupils will be offered mini classes in Rhetoric, Esperanto and the search for a Common Language, Philosophy and the links between the worlds of Science and the Arts. We think Peter Blundell would be very proud of the celebration of scholarship and the love of learning shown by pupils at his school in recent times and we congratulate staff and students on their enthusiasm and commitment.

Mrs Clare Sherwood, Director of Studies

A group of students in school uniforms are standing in a line on a green lawn in front of a large, historic stone building. They are holding a very long, thin, white string that stretches across the entire width of the group, demonstrating a giant polymer molecule.

Chain reaction

YEAR 10 STUDENTS display their giant polymer of Nylon they made in chemistry from the individual building blocks (monomers) of 1,6-diaminohexane and decandoyl chloride. The students dissolved the monomers in solution; one in the oil-based solvent hexane and the other in a water-based solvent also containing sodium carbonate. The oil-based solvent floats on top of the water-based solvent (like oil on water) and where they meet the monomer molecules join together in a 'condensation polymerisation reaction' forming nylon. The students carefully pulled out this layer of nylon and passed over lubricated glass rods as shown in the photo. As the nylon, formed between the two solutions, is removed, more nylon forms to replace it resulting in one giant molecule (polymer) billions and billions and billions of monomer units long.



Experiencing Design

As part of her delivery of Graphic Products (Design Technology), Mrs Armstrong Williams has been keen to forge links with the local businesses involved in design. The Year 10 art group were lucky enough to have Malcolm Buttel, the Creative Director from the company Oxygen, visit them in class and explain how designers work in industry to a client brief. He answered many questions, gave a presentation of recent work and then offered individual feedback on the student's coursework ideas. It was a highly successful and enriching afternoon with much learnt. The visit also opened up links for possible work experience for the students as they progress into Year 11. Mr Buttel commented: 'The students here are doing exactly what we are doing in business, following the same process with some very imaginative work.'

A large group of students and a few adults are posing for a group photo on a city street. They are standing in front of a historic building with many windows and a street signpost. The students are dressed in casual clothing.

Out in the field

A Field Day is held every term when most of the pupils go out on a variety of excursions with the aim of extending their educational horizons. Bath is the site of an annual visit as the city and the Roman Baths are the main settings for the Year 9 Latin textbook. This year 9L had already made their own excellent guidebooks in advance and so there was much anticipation and excitement surrounding the annual visit to the Baths and museum.



Issy Fraser's photo of her Field Day visiting @Bristol

On arrival, they had a quick tour of the city, looking at the beautiful architecture before going onto a tour of the Roman Bath complex. The revamped museum is extremely interesting and packed with archaeological exhibits as well as interactive displays. There are also 'Romans' who sit around the Great Bath with whom some of the group had a photo opportunity. The pupils particularly enjoyed seeing the reconstructed hypocaust systems, as well as the coins, jewellery, great spring and the temple courtyard. 9L really enjoyed their day out to the Roman Baths - they had lots of fun, as well as learning lots.

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Art



There were some impressive entries for GCSE and A level art exams this year when sculpture, textiles, paint, pastels and photography were amongst the mediums used by the students to convey their ideas and inspirations.

Blundellian artists have had a busy few months with exhibitions of work at the Gloss Gallery in Exeter, photography at Clare House Surgery in Tiverton and submissions to the Saatchi Art Prize for Schools competition.



Top: GCSE art by Rex Southwick

Middle: Stina Ding's A level coursework

Lower right: A level art exam by Josie Vos

Lower left: GCSE art by Frank Thornton Wood



Drama

Students at Blundell's experience the historical, cultural and practical aspects of drama as part of the curriculum and also as an activity of their choosing. There are at least two major school productions each year as well as plays performed by year groups and boarding houses. The School is lucky enough to have the fantastic Ondaatje Hall to use as a venue and a host of talented musicians to support the productions.

During the summer term, Years 9 and 10 put on *Grease*, the dynamic musical set in 1959, which follows the fortunes of a group of teenagers at an American high school. The main storyline concerns Danny and visiting Australian Sandy who enjoy a summertime romance that seems likely to end when Sandy goes home. However, Sandy stays on and enrolls at Rydell High School which Danny attends, but their relationship is affected by the need to be cool and look tough. It's a musical tailored to appeal to teenagers - and the two teenagers who took the leads in the Blundell's production recount their experiences of taking part.



I found *Grease* really enjoyable but very tiring. It was great fun getting to know the cast better than I did before and we all got along really well. I don't think many people actually understood the stress and tiredness that came with the whole production, as well as the enthusiasm and energy. Now I realise how committed we all had to be because when we didn't turn up to rehearsals or learn our words it was hard for us and the rest of the cast. I think the thing that everyone found the hardest was getting into character as we all didn't realise without being in character or having the energy the whole thing did not look good. The energy level put into it was huge but we got through it and it was enjoyable doing the performances more than anything else.

Tash Nicholson (Year 10)

I found *Grease* one of the most challenging productions I have been part of, mostly because of the amount of energy that has been required to pull it off. At the start of the production I would never have imagined the effort that would be needed and the journey that I would go on. I think most of all during *Grease* I have enjoyed making new friends and strengthening friendships with existing friends. During the past few months I have been asking myself whether it was really worth all the time, but as we took the stage for the last time I think that everyone knew that it was worth it and I know that I am looking forward to more challenges in productions over the next few years.

Henry Mules (Year 9)





Activities at Blundell's



Cookery is a popular activity with boys and especially those in the sixth form preparing for life after Blundell's.

Whilst the academic and sporting programmes at Blundell's are an important aspect of many pupils daily routines, they form only part of the overall package which Blundell's offers to further the entire education of the pupils who pass through our doors. Another important opportunity for pupils is the Activities programme which offers a range of new skills and interests to try on two days a week. Pupils sign up to activities which are changed on a termly basis and, for many, it provides the opportunity to shine in ways which are perhaps not so accessible in the classroom or on the sports field.

The programme is delivered through a mix of Blundell's staff offering activities which reflect their interests and through the use of external providers who bring particular skills and

expertise to the programme. Although using the latter often means that a cost is attached to an activity, it does allow Blundell's to offer a wider range of activities, many of which require specialist qualifications to run and which we could not offer otherwise. Sometimes the most popular activities are surprising; cookery is perhaps the unexpected favourite amongst the boys and the girls are some of the keenest members of the Boxercise class.

The programme is about to go through an exciting period of change as Mrs Armstrong Williams takes up her new post of Activities Coordinator in the autumn term. She is already avidly reading feedback from pupils which will help her shape and transform the future programme of activities at Blundell's and it is her aim to help pupils to have more interesting activities on offer and more places available in some of the more popular activities, so there are exciting times ahead.

Mr Douglas Morrison, Activities Coordinator 2012-13

The Gardening Club

Amongst the activities carried out by the Blundell's Gardening Club this year was a project to help bees. Sarah Chesters, the Royal Horticultural Society's principal education officer at Rosemoor, invited the club to plant out a metre square raised bed which was to be on display during the summer half term holiday. As bee numbers are in serious decline our theme was a garden to attract these insects and hopefully to encourage visitors to do the same.

Bees are brilliant pollinators and help horticulturists achieve great results in gardens, allotments, patio pots, troughs and even hanging baskets. They prefer plants which provide easy access to their pollen and nectar so we chose single flowered varieties which are more popular than more intricate types. The pollen is needed to feed the adult bee whilst the nectar is collected to nourish their young. It is important to provide a rich source of these nutrients throughout the bees' lifecycle (March to September) so maintaining a well-stocked garden as the seasons come and go is vital. With a little thought, effort and at small cost we can all create bee friendly habitats.

Left: Tom Adams and Theo Belcher (Year 9) with the bee-friendly garden



The biennial inspection of Blundell's Combined Cadet Force (CCF) was carried out this year by Brigadier Martin Smith of the Royal Marines, who was impressed by all that he saw. CCF uses a military-style ethos to develop and foster qualities of confidence, good character, integrity, responsibility, teamwork, moral courage, and physical and mental determination through a variety of activities. At Blundell's, CCF is compulsory for all pupils in Year 10, when cadets complete the Army Proficiency Certificate – which consists of learning a variety of skills both of a military nature and general outdoor skills such as map reading. Many pupils continue with CCF and from Year 11 develop their leadership potential and work their way through the cadet rank structure.



Ultimate Frisbee

This has once again been a very popular choice of activity with a large number of enthusiastic players taking part once a week. Despite there being a constant stream of new players every term, new players are able to pick up the necessary skills and understanding of the rules required to join in playing games quickly, which has made the activity far more enjoyable for everyone.

Each session begins with various drills which help with the understanding of the different tactics and throws. After this we split up into teams to play a round-robin of games against each other. The standard of play has improved steadily throughout the year; however we have had to contend with the British weather which has at times made 'hucking' a Frisbee virtually impossible.

Finally, we have been fortunate to have Coach 'Scraggy' from the GB Ultimate Frisbee team working with us and we would like to thank him for all his hard work on our behalf.

Will Stark and Freddie Carew (Year 9)

Falconry



Taz, a Southern White-faced Scops Owl, is a great favourite amongst the Blundell's falconers

The activity of Falconry is one that brings new life to Blundell's....literally. Twice a week Hawkridge Bird of Prey Centre come from Exmouth with stunning birds of prey and teach us to feed and fly the birds, as well as talking to us about anything we would ever want to know about these birds - their social interactions, their needs and what is necessary if we ever want to keep one of our own. This year we had the pleasure of flying kestrels, eagles, hawks and owls and the highlight was the new arrival of Taz, a baby owl which we first met when he was a couple of weeks old. If you see any wild birds flying behind Popham, come over and say hello!

Astronomy

This year a group of aspiring and enthusiastic physicists from Blundell's School embarked on a challenge to record a short film of space. The process took place during the astronomy club activity; the aim was to send a 1kg 'Hwoyee' weather balloon to space carrying a capsule with recording equipment inside. The students who took part were Natt Jungmeechoke, Emily Nash, Hugo Lau, Tom Tran, Tristan Free, George Williams, Tom Stevens, Gabriel Cheung and Elliot Finch.

The student-led project involved arranging the recording equipment, heating packs and tracking system in the capsule as well as configuring the electronics, the attachment of the capsule to the weather balloon and also the parachute release mechanism. The total cost of the project came to £364.14, a reasonable total cost considering the high price of helium, the camera, balloon and parachute which made up the vast majority of the price.

After contemplating the difficulty of the task, the students decided it would be possible to also conduct an experiment in space as well as recording the exterior of the capsule during flight. After a session of brainstorming ideas the final idea was to carry out an experiment on some DNA. The investigation would involve observing the effects UV light and the extreme dehydration conditions of space would have on the DNA. The strands to be experimented on were a 100kbase strand and a plasmid containing the glowing jelly fish gene and an antibiotic resistance gene.

Due to inclement weather, the balloon could not be launched in the summer term but we hope to launch it into space in the autumn.

Psychology

The Psychology Club activity has had another successful year, being open to all Years 11 - 13, regardless of whether they are doing Psychology A Level, as a way of finding out more about the subject. During the course of this year we have looked at some challenging mental illnesses such as OCD and schizophrenia and considered the implications of them in the lives of a sufferer. We have watched films such as A Beautiful Mind and Girl, Interrupted to query how Hollywood portrays mental health, as well as looked at documentaries asking questions such as what is sleep and why do we dream? All of these activities raise pertinent questions about what it means to be human and how we see others and it is engaging for those who do Psychology at A Level as well as those who are just interested to dabble.

One pupil who has opted to take the Psychology Club activity this year is Corren Kvesic (Year 12): 'I chose to do the Psychology Activity as I enjoy Psychology A Level and wanted to learn more about the subject and things that were not on the syllabus. I enjoyed the films and documentaries that we watched in the activity as I learn well through visual media, but Mrs Weaver explained them and asked questions to add to our understanding. I also enjoyed discussing the issues raised by the topics we discussed and going deeper with them.'



The Physics Society

Sixth formers in the Physics Society organised a 'Safe Egg Challenge' in which teams throughout the school took part. To be in with a chance of winning such a prestigious competition, they needed to build a contraption from common materials such as paper, balloons and bin liners, to protect their egg from the perilous 25m drop from the very top of Blundell's iconic clock tower to a target below. A complex scoring system meant teams had to impress judges across four key areas: egg survival, accuracy, material economy and design flair.

The survival of all teams' eggs demonstrated the wealth of engineering potential present at Blundell's. But it was the team of Bonnie Price, Annabel Chatwin and Imogen Cotton (Year 8) who triumphed in the end. Their clever use of cubic and cylindrical paper forms coupled with extreme symmetry put the whole of the sixth form's designs to shame. Unfortunately, however, such ingenuity displayed by all the participants did mean that it was an event devoid of any dramatic landings for the restless crowd of spectators gathered below.



The winning team



This year, croquet at Blundell's has reached new heights of drama and popularity, mainly due to its dedicated players: Giles Taylor, Hamish Friend, Matt Thomas, myself, the elusive Charles Fitzroy and a cheeky appearance from David Kellett, all led by the expertise of Rev. Hunt. Despite being hindered on several occasions by the weather and also the lack of designated croquet lawn (outrage), the season was epic to say the least.

A shaky start to the season heralded a victory for Hamish, with strong performances from the Rev, Giles and me (see above picture), thwarted cruelly by being 'pegged out' at the closing stages of the game. The numbers of croquet players was cut significantly by exam leave, but Matt, Fitzroy and Rev played a couple of great games, even in the rain, in which I could not partake. With a new location established for the croquet lawn outside the astro, the team reassembled again after the exam period for another heroic match. This time Gus and Giles finished first and second respectively, having got ahead from the main pack at an early stage, generally dominating the game. The final match of the season was a more low-key event. Unfazed by the rain, Gus, Giles, Hamish and the Rev set out into a pairs match with some tricky conditions. Giles immediately charged into the lead, leaving his partner, Hamish, at the mercy of myself and the Rev. However, some cunning play resulted in Hamish leaving us behind as well and, despite a valiant comeback stemming from some strong team work on our part, we were unable to catch Giles and Hamish, who had simply got too far ahead and both pegged themselves out before either of us.

We all wish Blundell's croquet the best and hope that next season will bring an equally exhilarating time for all those involved, and with the whisper of inter-school matches I believe this could be a major turning point in the croquet scene at Blundell's. We strongly encourage all students to participate in this up and coming sport, which has always been a pleasant, yet viciously competitive way to spend our Thursday activity this term.

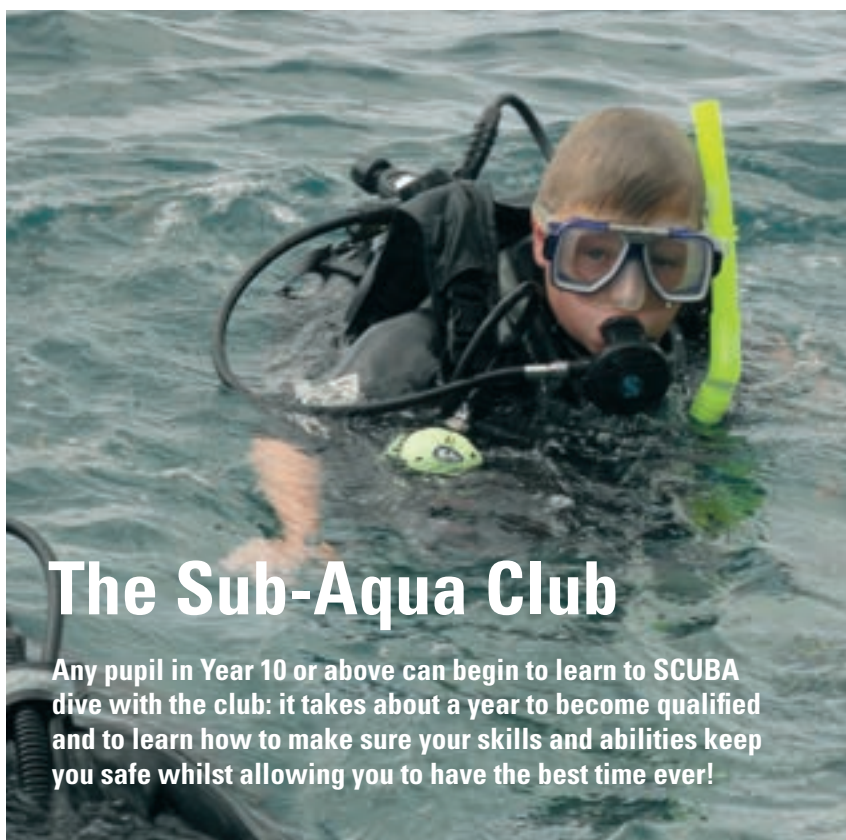
Gus de Falbe (Year 12)



Throughout the term we have been learning ancient Greek in Thursday activities. We are a small but passionate group and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to grips with the unique technicalities of the Greek language. It has been a challenge to adapt to the different techniques it has involved. However, we have worked together and thrived on the subject. We have particularly enjoyed learning the vocabulary and linking the words with modern English. With Mrs Milne's excellent guidance, we have progressed massively throughout the term. She has made it an interesting experience by providing highlighters, booklets and cakes!

We have decided to continue ancient Greek next term and look forward to the possibility of taking it for GCSE. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to have taken part in this activity. Or should I say 'te ... kai' which means 'both...and' in Greek! The activity has involved learning the Greek alphabet, learning vocabulary, practising writing in Greek, translating both Greek and English sentences, word derivation and general fun! This has been an excellent activity and we are looking forward to next year for even more advanced and better work.

Grace Casely, Hatty Nash, Jenny Prevett and Jonathan Lane (Year 9)



The Sub-Aqua Club

Any pupil in Year 10 or above can begin to learn to SCUBA dive with the club: it takes about a year to become qualified and to learn how to make sure your skills and abilities keep you safe whilst allowing you to have the best time ever!

Ten Tors

Despite only having a few hours' sleep due to torrential rain, the two Blundell's Ten Tors teams were in good heart when they took part in the weekend challenge and even managed to jog over the finishing line. The 35 mile team are pictured above right and the 45 mile team above with author and leader Harry Bodington on the far right

I have been given the task of describing what it's like to take part in the Ten Tors challenge in just a few hundred words. This I believe is not nearly enough to truly portray our experiences on the moor. What I'm going to write about is the most important characteristics which I believe are needed to undertake the Ten Tors challenge. There is a certain character which the Ten Tors challenge attracts, some people already have it, others build it through their experiences but it is seen in all who manage to cross the finish line. What I'm referring to is the tenacity in an individual. This virtue is drawn out of every individual when they find themselves losing faith. But it is within these lows that this characteristic can truly be seen.

The second virtue that Ten Tors builds is valour. The word valour means strength, value, worth and courage: *'Courage is not simply one of the virtues, but the form of every virtue at its testing point'* (C.S.Lewis). Ten Tors is designed to be difficult and test even the strongest and most prepared people. Due to this you will undoubtedly experience many lows, but more importantly many highs. These experiences shared in a small team of six can build very strong bonds which then lead to the foundations of true friendships.

The third and final virtue I will talk about is hope. Hope that you do not get an injury. Hope that the weather stays good. But also hope that after the weekend is over, you can walk away proud of your achievement and take your rightfully earned medal. There is an ethos to the Ten Tors challenge, an ideology of the person taking part. The name Ten Tors carries weight to it, a respect that can only be earned. In a weekend which saw a record number of participants drop out, with weather conditions described as the worst in decades I am proud to say that both the 35 and 45 mile teams finished with all members in the team. I believe that every individual in each team portrayed these characteristics in even the harshest of conditions.

I would like to thank Mr Morrison for organising the Blundell's Ten Tors and also Mr Guy, Mr Wynell-Mayow and Mr Roffe-Silvester for their much-needed help in the many practice walks. I am going to end with a quote by Martin Luther King Jr, which I believe truly summarises the Ten Tors challenge: *'The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.'*

Harry Bodington (Year 12),
this year's 45 mile team leader

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The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Blundell's

Huge rucksacks, huge blisters, lost tent-pegs, lost maps, lost teams and occasionally lost staff; these are all features of Duke of Edinburgh's Expeditions. Even if you haven't done one yourself, or known someone who has, you might have seen groups of happy, singing, or tired and lost teenagers in the countryside. Some of them might have been Blundellians. In 2012-13, a record 100 Blundell's pupils completed a D of E expedition, with up to 200 actively working towards their Bronze, Silver or Gold Award.

While the Expedition Section is usually the most memorable part of D of E, pupils also undertake Volunteering, Skills and Physical Recreation sections. It is possible to complete all of these through Blundell's varied Activities and Games programmes.

Pupils are also encouraged, with parents' permission, to volunteer in their local community, with sports coaching, charity shops, residential homes and primary schools being the most popular destinations. Often, pupils use their special skills or interests for volunteering; for example, Rowan Carew played his guitar at a local residential home, and our sports stars Jodie Atkins and Torzie Boylett volunteered to coach younger pupils at their local club. Bryce Clark helped further afield, using a work experience placement in a Tanzanian hospital as a start to his Gold volunteering, which he is continuing by raising money for the hospital.

Pupils enjoy making a difference to the community and often continue volunteering after finishing their Award. Gemma Robbins has continued to help the disabled daughter of a neighbour. Jordan White volunteered at Devon Community Foundation, and when she

returned there for a Work Experience placement, she was given a real project to work on.

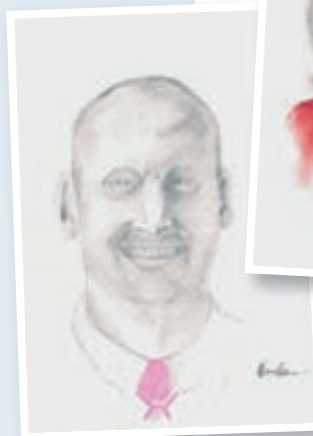
Employers are often impressed by applicants with a Duke of Edinburgh's Award, as it demonstrates, as Ben Charles (Year 11) recently wrote of his Silver expedition: *'valuable life-skills such as realising the importance of teamwork, and not giving up when you'd like to, but pushing yourself instead'*. It also shows the ability to stick at a task over a period of time, as each section must be done for three, six, 12 or 18 months. In theory, a Gold Award contributes UCAS points when applying to university, although we find that they don't count for many academic courses. Still, it is worth checking with individual university departments.

Whatever the motivations and benefits, participants gain confidence, independence, empathy, new friends and new interests by doing a DofE Award.

Ms Isobel Scott, D of E Co-ordinator



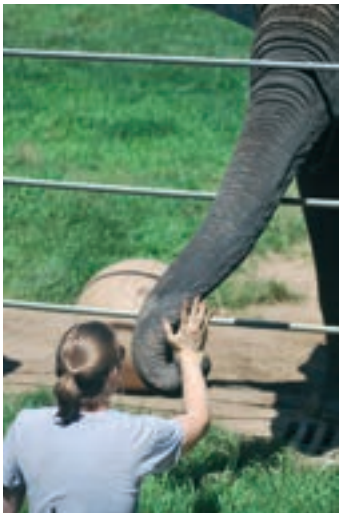
Matthew Baughan (Year 9) worked voluntarily in a local charity shop as part of his D of E award



As part of the Volunteering element for his Gold D of E award, Bryce Clark is raising money by drawing portraits in aid of the hospital in Tanzania where he went on a work placement



Science Discovery USA



Top: Exhibits at the American Museum of Natural History
Above: Elephant training at the National Zoo
Middle: With Dr Kennet Flores investigating rocks
Bottom left: Studying rock and sediment samples
Bottom right: The behind the scenes tour at Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum under a Blackbird plane



Left: In Boston with the Harvard statue

Right: Separating rocks into different colours – by licking them!

Bottom: Boston by water taxi - the only way to travel



This year's **Science Discovery USA** trip took us to Washington D.C., New York City and on to Boston, Massachusetts. We had an action packed ten days away visiting a number of world renowned institutions and exhibitions and on top of this we were also especially privileged to participate in some private behind the scenes tours and to meet some of the top researchers in their scientific fields.

We started off in Washington D.C. where we visited most of the memorials and monuments in the city as well as the museums. At the National Zoo we were fortunate to meet and talk with one of the cheetah keepers, learning about their enrichment and movements. We were able to watch an elephant training session before moving on to the Amazonia Research Centre where we could see the work currently being conducted by the zoo's team of researchers before watching an orang-utan named Batang participating in a Meta Cognition test where she completed a series of tasks on a touch screen computer.

At the Air and Space Museum we were able to stand next to prototypes and sometimes the real versions of Hubble Telescope, Apollo 11 command module, Enterprise rocket boosters, Sputnik and even touch some moon rock collected on a mission. Another highlight was the Natural History Museum, where we all went to the special exhibition Genome: Unlocking Life's Code. Here we were able to investigate the role of genomics in the modern world and think about how genetic factors that affect disease risk may lead to a change in lifestyle.

New York saw us visit the American Museum of Natural History, this time for two private tours. One session was hosted by Dr Kennet Flores, a leading geologist in

his field looking at subduction zones and plate tectonics and most recently investigating the movement related to different forms of Jadeite in Guatemala. He allowed us to explore his rock samples and problem solve how to separate these into different colours (involving licking the rocks!) and subsequently attempt to rank the rocks according to age and depth. He then took students further behind the scenes to see how to polish, cut and view rock and sediment samples through the microscopes for identification. This was truly a unique experience with a fantastic scholar and Dr Flores has certainly inspired us all into looking a little more into Geology and Geoscience.

At the Discovery Centre we saw Dr Gunther von Hagen's plastination exhibition, Body Worlds: Pulse. This display of human cadavers and body parts carefully presented to show the muscles, organs, connective tissues and nervous system, as well as artificial joints and replacements within the body, was truly amazing. We were not only able to view these up close as they would appear in a live body but we were also fortunate enough to view the effects of everyday life on the body, such as smoker's lungs, cancerous tumours, emphysema, stroke damage, how obesity covers the internal organs in a thick yellow layer of fatty deposits and even the damage due to arthritis of the joints.



The rest of our New York experience included a visit to the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, on board a real decommissioned US aircraft carrier. Here our behind the scenes tour saw us travel to parts of the ship not open to the public as well as underneath a Blackbird plane and right next to the Enterprise Space Shuttle!

Our first day in Boston started with a visit to the newly refurbished aquarium before we moved out onto the water, travelling some 15 miles out to sea to Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary in order to watch for whales. We were very lucky to see an adult female in full fishing mode; she kept diving down revealing her tail to the boat much to the excitement of all on board.

Sunday saw us spend nearly four hours at Harvard University, first on a guided tour of 'Hahvahd' (we don't pronounce our Rs whilst in Boston) where we learned about the founding and history of the 'Yahd' as well as how to make an application to Harvard, where students would stay, classes they might expect to take and also the very important financial implications of attending such a place.....who knew Harvard students are mostly there on some form of bursary, no loans?

Miss Karyn Wilson, Head of Biology

Holiday *ACTIVE*

The summer holidays are not just for relaxing! Many of the sixth form use the time to gain new experiences, often with future employment in mind. Here some of them describe what they've been up to and their future plans.



Elliot Finch

I did lots of engineering courses, mobile communications, nanotechnology and structural engineering Smallpeice courses as well as astrophysics and

advanced engineering courses at Imperial College London. These involved taking various engineering and science challenges; we carried out many projects from making gold nano-particles to constructing bridges and then had to present our findings to a board of judges.

Why I chose this: I like engineering and after doing the EES and previous courses this was a great opportunity, expanding my knowledge and interests.

Future plans: I will do an engineering degree. It will help me to develop my interests and leave doors open for me.



Jack Friend

I spent a week at Taunton Hospital and a week at Tiverton Hospital. I was very fortunate to be able to see a range of medical specialties in action. Highlights

included seeing caesarean births, watching angioplasty and seeing general theatre operations at Tiverton Hospital. I feel incredibly privileged to have had this experience.

Why I chose this: I wanted to gain experience of what working in a medical environment is like.

Future plans: Although I thoroughly enjoyed this experience, I have decided not to pursue medicine as a career. However, I would recommend that anyone considering medicine did similar experience as it is incredibly helpful in the decision making process and incredibly worthwhile.



Bethan Reade

Throughout my summer holidays I volunteered at Erme Valley Riding for the Disabled. I spent the start of the holidays preparing nine disabled riders, of varying learning and

physical disabilities and their steeds, five horses, for the National Dressage Championships for RDA at Hartpury College which they had earlier qualified for. We travelled away for four days, a lifetime experience for all participants!

Why I chose this: I chose to do this to show support to a charity close to my heart. It develops my ability to interact with those with communication difficulties such as developing my own sign language skills.

Future plans: My future aspiration is to become a physiotherapist and this will help with my application.



Tom Youngman

I did three days work experience at the commercial property consultants Jones Lang LaSalle in London. I viewed what they did on a daily basis and helped

out on some small tasks. I worked with the High Street retail section of the company where they are involved in many high street properties. I was amazed by their work ethics and knowledge about the market.

Why I chose this: I chose to do this work experience because I realised that property is a market I am seriously considering entering as it is related to Geography and Economics which are two of my A levels. I also hope this will aid me in writing my personal statement.

Future plans: I hope to go to university and study a straight Geography degree and then maybe a Masters in Surveying so I am properly qualified to go into the property world.



Jodie Atkins

In the summer I got involved in a leadership course called Rotary Youth Leadership Awards based at the outdoor pursuit and adventure centre at Okehampton. I was sponsored by Tiverton Rotary Club to take part. We did activities such as canoeing, rock climbing, mountain biking abseiling, and kayaking; the scariest activity was free abseiling off a 125ft bridge! I thoroughly enjoyed the RYLA course. It really stretched me in terms of what I thought I could achieve. I met some amazing people from all different places and learnt a lot about leadership in different areas, be it in a sports team, work team or community.

In the future I plan to do a year foundation diploma in Art and Design then move on to do a degree in Geography, but alongside of that I want to travel, do volunteer work abroad and get involved in adventure pursuits.



Alistair Chilcott and Olivia See

We went to Dar es Salaam, the capital of Tanzania, to work in Buguruni School for the Deaf. We spent the majority of the time either teaching the children and many of the teachers English and Maths; helping the school manage the children's hearing aids more efficiently by teaching them how to fit them, labelling them and showing the teachers how to carry out hearing aid tests and entertaining the children after school. This would typically involve playing football, organising a netball team for the girls, or opening an art club, computer club and the very old and dusty library.

Why we chose this: The opportunity came up through a friend of Olivia's mum, and after further research both of us knew it was something we wanted to do.

Future plans: We would both love to go back to Tanzania and Africa, and would want everyone to experience what we both did.



Kate Eastmond

I spent two weeks at a photography studio in London, called Hangar Seven. My job role was assistant helper: this meant looking after clients and colleagues,

checking items in and out and making sure that the studio kept running.

Why I chose this: I chose to work at Hangar Seven as I had previously done a weeks' worth of work experience for them in February 2012. I enjoyed my time there so much that I asked if they wouldn't mind having me back and they said yes.

Future plans: I hope that after leaving Westlake, I will be accepted to study International Development at the university of my choice.



Sam Mills

This summer, for some unknown reason, I decided to enrol in an intensive Latin course at Durham University. The days consisted of three hours of taught

sessions with a university professor followed by lectures in the evenings. Surprisingly I actually quite enjoyed it and it was fantastic to meet some of the people applying for the same course as me.

Why I chose this: It was a good opportunity both to get a feel for university life at Durham and to improve my Latin.

Future plans: I am applying to study Classics at a variety of universities. Afterwards, I'm interested in pursuing a career in journalism.



Nixie Acfield

I went to Brewin Dolphins head office in London. It is the largest Investment management firm in the country and they invest client's money in many ways, mainly thorough

the London Stock Exchange. I spent a lot of time with the Investment managers who design portfolios for clients and other institutions and invest their money into companies. I also spent some time with the Research team.

Why I chose this: I chose this type of work experience as I am interested in the stock market and want to do Economics at university.

Future plans: To study Politics and Economics at university and pursue a career that is Economics related.



Jordan White

I spent a few weeks in both July and August qualifying to become both a lifeguard and a swimming teacher. This took place at the Exe Valley Leisure Centre

where both the practical (e.g. timed swims and teaching half hour swimming lessons) and theory elements (e.g. law/legislation and stroke analysis) were taught.

Why I chose this: I chose to become qualified to be able teach others a useful skill that they can also enjoy.

Future plans: I want to get my A-Levels and secure a place at university studying medicine.



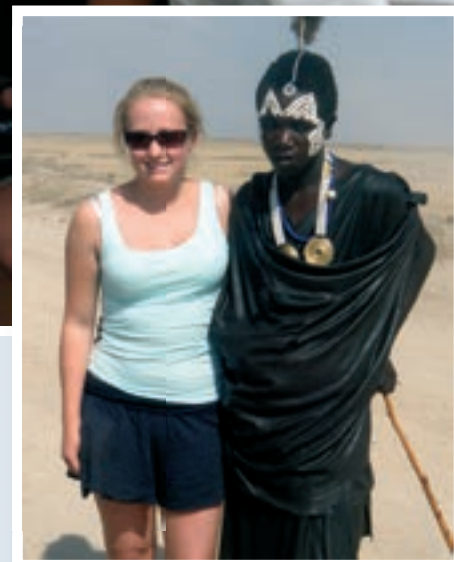
Harry Bodington

I spent two weeks in Thailand shadowing doctors in different Chiang Mai hospitals. I got a real feel for the opposite end of the medicine spectrum. Witnessing many of the traditional Thai treatment to some conditions, such as using acupuncture was a real eye opener. Also having a chance to go elephant trekking, playing with tigers and being able to swim in a waterfall found deep in the rainforest was an awesome experience I will always remember.

This work experience has been an invaluable asset in helping me decide my future career and boost my personal statement. I am planning on taking a gap year spending several months working in chalets on a ski season and then with the second half I will hopefully travel around the rest of Asia and Indonesia. After my gap year I hope to get in to university to study natural sciences.



My summer in Africa



Signing up to a six week volunteer programme in Tanzania isn't the most obvious way to spend a summer after A Levels; however, it was something I was keen to

do as I was looking for ways to help out other people. I was inspired to undertake such a trip after hearing about various corrupt practices in African governments which often means that unfortunately, in many cases, people do not receive much needed aid.

The English Speaking Union was very kind in giving me a grant in order to help out with my fundraising. I received £400 towards my trip, which went a long way in helping to provide much needed teaching aids and other equipment to try and improve the educational needs of the children.

I hadn't really thought a huge amount about what to expect when I arrived in Africa. The first thing that hit me was definitely the sheer lack of resources, in all senses of the word, whether it was food, clothing, communication or educational aids. I was able to integrate with the local

communities through classroom repair and teaching projects which made me feel as if I was making a difference. On a personal level, I felt as though I was learning more about myself through being able to challenge myself both physically and emotionally in such culturally different conditions.

The trip definitely made me value the importance of the education which I have been so fortunate to receive and the pure luck of which family you are born into and in which country you grow up. The classes in which I taught had an average of 150 students with many of them having to sit on the floor due to lack of benches whilst being taught by their teacher. What struck me most was the eagerness of the children to learn, despite their desperate circumstances.

I also completely underestimated how basic some of the facilities would be, namely the fact that we had to wash using buckets of cold water and hand wash every item of clothing using a bar of soap – it's safe to say that survival in Africa will undoubtedly stand me in good stead for university and for the domestic skills I will be needing!

Having mentioned all the challenging aspects of life that most people in Africa face on a daily basis, it is clear that even with nothing, they are content and always smile at you. I was only there for six weeks but having had a 'taste' of Africa, I would love to be able to continue supporting the schools I visited in and around Arusha and Dar es Salaam. One thing is for sure, it was a life changing experience which enabled me to broaden my horizons, open my eyes to underdeveloped countries and step beyond my comfort zone.

I would recommend such a trip to anyone who is willing to challenge themselves, and try something new as it was an unforgettable and thought provoking trip which taught me invaluable life lessons.

Georgie Cummings

IT'S GOODBYE FROM HIM

Tim Dyke

Interview by **FREYA DE LISLE**

BEFORE TIM DYKE HUNG UP HIS MANY HAT(S) (HEAD OF ENGLISH, TUTOR, BLUNDELLIAN EDITOR, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REP, I/C DEBATES AND THE BOOK GROUP, PHOTOGRAPHER, PANAMA, FEDORA TO NAME A FEW) AND CAMERA AFTER THIRTY YEARS AT BLUNDELL'S, FREYA DE LISLE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO A FINAL INTERVIEW WITH HIM.

Having been at Blundell's for 30 years, you're abandoning us all in favour of retirement. What do you plan to do with all the spare time on your hands?

First of all, I know I have to do something different as you all go back in September, so we are planning a road trip around the NE coastline, starting with Whitby (Dracula), then Lindisfarne (Venerable Bede), the site of Culloden, and maybe even Edinburgh, one of my favourite cities after London. Thereafter, a few months to throw away the impedimenta of 37 years teaching, then I really have to write the book I have been threatening to research for longer than I care to remember, of the conspiracy behind Jane Austen's death (there wasn't one) and how her affair with John Keats made him start writing decent poetry at last in May 1817 (no, they never met). Bodices will be ripped!

What is your most memorable moment at Blundell's?

Most definitely winning the ESU Public Speaking competition this year. Secondly the version of the Mysteries in Ondaatje Hall at which we nearly crucified Robin Corden for real, and in which I actually acted as the Third Shepherd, and played in the Band with the most wonderful Romanian gypsy violinist who by amazing good fortune had joined the sixth form that year, with Jamie and Moray White on guitars. Third has to be my final Chapel last term, with everyone singing Battle Hymn of the Republic, joining in on the Inspector's final speech, and so kindly applauding me out. A very Mr Chips/Browning Version moment!

What will you miss most about Blundell's, aside from the more than slightly dodgy banter of the boys in this year's English GCSE set 1?

Why not the latter? The response of the intelligent, quick and cheeky has always been the greatest joy; knowing that you were getting through to people forty years your junior, and sharing the same delight in books and jokes.

What hopes do you have for the future of your domain, the English department?

Better GCSE results than I have managed, and more people rediscovering the joy of English A level, especially King Lear. You can't ALL be doctors or lawyers folks!

Had you been allowed to change the running of the school in any way, no matter how much hair the governors would tear out, what alterations would you have made?

Voluntary rugby, enabling all to opt for whatever sport they preferred and everyone to wear blue blazers.

Do you intend to keep up the photography, perfected during many a hockey match, after your retirement?

NO! I have acute RSIs from taking and editing 25,000 photos a year. Though the staff have very kindly given me a much smaller and lighter camera to have for myself, so who knows...

Do you still hope to battle for the rights of your brethren in the state sector of teaching? We all remember the roadside campaign of last year, complete with hi-viz jackets, flags and tea flasks!



I am terribly sorry for those coming into the profession over the past ten years who will probably have to work until they are 68. Can you imagine having to put up with me for eight more years? Or how it will feel to have most of your teachers kicking the bucket before they have the chance to retire!

Is there anything that you would have done differently during your career?

I always wanted to go on the stage, until I tried it for two summers with the National Youth Theatre and realised that I didn't fancy living out of a suitcase. Publishing had its attractions for a while. I might have gone to Stowe or Bedales when I had the chance. But I have no regrets at all.

What would you choose as your three 'Desert Island' books?

Captain Corelli's Mandolin; any Terry Pratchett; Cornwell's Vagabond Trilogy.

Who is your hero or most inspirational figure?

A really tough one this, as so many supposed heroes turn out to have had feet of clay. Pratchett for sure. Oliver Cromwell? No, it has to be Don Quixote - the Man of La Mancha who tilted at windmills, wanted life to be romantic, and failed so gloriously.

Finally, if you could sum up your time at Blundell's as a cake, what type of cake would you choose, and why?

Definitely fruitcake: once you spit out all the nuts, it's really sweet, and often unexpectedly fruity! (sorry about that).



RECORD BREAKING

Sports Days

THERE WAS AN EXCELLENT TURN OUT FOR THE ANNUAL SPORTS DAYS AND IT WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASING TO SEE THE U6 FROM WESTLAKE FULLY SUPPORTING THEIR OLD HOUSES. THIRTEEN RECORDS WERE BROKEN AT THE JUNIOR EVENT AND THREE AT THE SENIOR EVENT.

In the **Senior Girls** competition GH were the stronger overall, with their winners being Holly Keevil x3, Millie Blackmore, Corren Kvesic, Abi Lunn and Bethan Reade. Holly Keevil equalled Lizzie Wessely's 2008 record in the 200m with a time of 28.4. The NC winners were Elly Yard x2, Charlotte Routledge, Lucy Reynolds and Sarah Kinsella.

The **Junior** (Under 16) Sports Day showed the incredible strength in Years 9 and 10 with no less than thirteen records being broken. The Junior Girls competition went right to the wire with the GH A string relay team just holding off the NC B string team to secure a 142 -137 win. In the boys FH were way ahead all the way through and Petergate's two relay teams both beat their OH counterparts to secure second spot overall.



In the **Senior Boys** (Over 16) competition FH proved to have too much strength in depth, with Jack Webber winning three events supported by Calum Findlay, Tom Woofenden and Michael Bennett with one apiece. For OH the winners were Harry Bodington x2, Jack Friend, Andrew Hamilton and Josh Roberts. Jack Webber broke Max Seymour's 200m record (2008) in a winning time of 23.3 and Jack Friend beat Lewis Ryan's 1500m record (2004) with a time of 4.40.5

Left: Archie Stoneman leading Dougal Glaisher in the 1500m



Far Left: Lucy Walliker
Left: Finn Neusinger
Right: Tash Finchett
Below: Sam Talbot leads the field



“The Junior Sports Day showed the incredible strength in Years 9 and 10 with no less than thirteen records being broken.”



Victor Ludorum (Senior) – Jack Webber FH
Victor Ludorum (Junior) – Sam Talbot FH
Victrix Ludorum (Senior) – Holly Keevil GH
Victrix Ludorum (Junior) – Tash Finchett NC

The Junior record breakers were:

	Event	Record Breaker	Time/Distance	Previous Holder
Junior Girls	100m	Tash Finchett NC	13.6	Lizzie Wessely 2007
	200m	Tash Finchett NC	28.1 equalled	Lizzie Wessely 2006
	High Jump	Lucy Walliker NC	1.51m	Emma Selby 2007
	Triple Jump	Lucy Walliker NC	9.05m	New event
Junior Boys	80m Hurdles	Sam Talbot FH	11.4	Tom Fayers 2008
	100m	Sam Talbot FH	11.8	Harry Edmanson 2006
	200m	Alex Kilbride P	24.5	Charles Newson 2007
	300m	Will Scott OH	38.6	New event
	800m	Archie Stoneman P	2.04.5	Jack Lilly D'Cruz 2008
	High Jump	Sam Talbot FH	1.74m	Max Venables 2005
	Shot	Ivan Leung FH	11.86m	Nick Huntley 2005
	Discus	Finn Neusinger OH	39.95m	Jack Eadie 2005
	Relay	FH	50.2	OH 2007



Above: Some of the cricket playing girls
Right: Under 13 player Millie Attwell

I have been playing cricket for four years now, having first started playing it in the garden with my brother and dad. As I was at the local cricket club a lot I started to join in with the ladies team training. Having played rounders, I found cricket was quite similar. I enjoy all the different forms of cricket such as T20 or 40 over matches. I also enjoy working with others amongst the team, but individual performances are also crucial and I like that combination. I enjoy training and playing at the school; the activity set up on a Thursday is great to practise and focus on some of the basic parts of your game and to experience different bowlers and styles of cricket during matches and training sessions. This season I was appointed captain of the U15 girls Devon squad and we won the South West T20 championships. In the winter there is a county training session once a month and of course within the season we play county matches and those for our club teams. Playing within school is good to practise skills and experience different styles of cricket and different bowlers and new situations during matches and training sessions.

Emma Jackman (Year 10)



Emma Jackman in action

Girls cricket has really taken off this year at Blundell's. Thanks to their coach, Paul Diamond, arranging plenty of matches, as well as an opportunity to play in a school tournament, the girls have been kept busy and have had plenty of practice. We are lucky to have a number of players that play competitively for Devon outside of school, giving our teams an extra boost. In fact, we have had a vast age range, with girls from every year joining in training on a Thursday. The junior girls have been so committed that they even train after activity time on Thursdays for an hour and a half!



Girls Cricket

So far this season, all of the teams were unbeaten until a recent match against the U13 Devon Development Squad who beat us by only nine runs! We have had matches at U13, U15, U16 and U18 level with many of the School House girls playing well above their age category. Many of our matches have seen enormous wins of eighty runs or more! In the school tournament, our first team won all of their matches to come out triumphant. A special mention should go to Eva Lloyd who also picked up a trophy for the best bowler of the entire tournament, chosen by Somerset's Women and Girls Head Coach, Caroline Atkins.

We are incredibly lucky to have the facilities that we do at Blundell's, which allows the girls to play on perfectly maintained pitches. With Paul as our coach, the girls are able to get the best possible coaching, as well as also being able to come along to simply have a go. The girls dedication has been phenomenal and we are starting to see some real potential being developed. It has been a great season and the girls have done fantastically well. This is only the start of girls cricket at Blundell's and I am confident that we will have many more matches next year, as well as many more successes.

Miss Becky Prescott
i/c of Girls Cricket and Head of Girls Games

'The girls dedication has been phenomenal and we are starting to see some real potential being developed.'



SPOTLIGHT ON

Rupert Batting

As Blundell's most successful equestrian to date leaves the (school) field, we find out how he has reached the heights of representing GB at the sport, the highs and lows of competing and juggling this with school work .

At what age did you start riding and when did you enter your first competition?

I don't remember when I started riding I was so young. My sister and I were led out by my mum whilst we were sat in a wicker basket. I entered my first proper competition when I was about five years old when my dad used to run around with me on a lead rein.

Describe the skills involved - how much of it is well-trained horse and how much the rider?

There are many skills involved as a rider such as patience, determination, adaptability to make those split-second decisions when things go slightly wrong during competition, composure to still perform under immense pressure and controlling your nerves as it affects the horse's performance. A horse with natural ability does make our job as a rider easier but in no way can they do it by themselves. One of the hardest skills as a rider is to produce and train horses to a stage where they can compete safely and we have to do little to help them; this takes years of careful training.

Outline the highlights of your career as an equestrian so far?

The highlight of my career was definitely competing at Haras Du Pin, which is a three day event in France where I represented Great Britain. Wearing the Union Jack on my saddle cloth was something I never expected to do, and representing your country in any sport or form is just amazing.

What are the joys of competing?

The joys of competing are definitely the adrenalin you get at competitions, the progress you make throughout the season and doing well always helps. One thing that is also amazing about competing in Great Britain is the amazing estates and venues which we get to compete in, and alongside all the professionals who will

one week be competing at the Olympics and the next you're competing against them at a local event. The social side of Eventing is always good fun and supportive and you meet some great people through it.

What would a typical day of training a horse involve?

With horses I set up their training each week, building and adapting to what has gone before and with specific competitions as an aim. As in any sport horses both have to do fitness and skills training. They would usually carry out two fitness sessions a week, have one lesson with a trainer, do some skills work at home by myself and they get either one or two days off in the field. Also bearing in mind their long-term competition season and what time you have to try and peak them for the major competitions.

'The Blundell's equestrian community is very lucky as they work as a great team and everyone is always willing to help each other...'

How have you managed to juggle this with school?

It's extremely difficult to juggle both; this year has been especially difficult with three horses to ride and do my A2s. I think that maybe this year I have struggled to reach my full potential with my riding or exams. I have to do a lot of work in the lorry on the way to competitions and training, with many late nights it's extremely tiring and I have to be very organised with my time. Blundell's has been good to me with allowing me time off for some competitions.

On wet or snowy winter days or when you haven't felt well, how have you motivated yourself to turn out to see to your horses, train, compete etc?

I have to admit sometimes I struggle to motivate myself to go outside in the awful weather but at the end of the day horses are animals, they have personalities and emotions and you have to put yourself in their place and think how you would like to be looked after. With motivating myself to train in awful weather I think if I go out and ride now I'll be one up on all those people that didn't bother to go out and train that day.

There are several good young riders coming on at Blundell's; what advice would you give them to encourage them to reach the level you have achieved?

You have to enjoy it; if you enjoy riding then you'll have a more positive attitude, determination and you'll want it more. The Blundell's equestrian community is very lucky as they work as a great team and everyone is always willing to help each other which makes it more fun and easier; I think this is vital in keeping people riding for as long as possible. Also never give up, riding is one of the most demanding sports with the extreme highs and lows that we have to deal with.

What's next for you?

I'm taking a gap year and start working for current British Number one, William Fox-Pitt, in November and taking my horse Manyoshu with me. I'm aiming Manyoshu at the under 21 national championships in October and to be long listed for the Under 21 Great Britain team next year.

Welcome



It is with great pleasure that I can write and thank you for supporting our Annual Fund so generously this year; we have been able to undertake the majority of the projects featured in our 2012/2013 request for support. Many of you chose to support the Olympic Legacy element and your recognition 'pin badges' should now be with you. Our Annual Fund appeal for 2013/2014 will again focus on the wishes of individual boarding houses to make them more of a 'home from home'.

We are grateful to the Devon Territorial Army Association who very kindly supported our request to obtain a new Standard for the CCF; this will be proudly displayed for the first time at the Remembrance Service in November. Thanks must also go to a huge number of sponsors who have supported various events and activities for Blundell's this year, including Total Produce, Chatham Marine, Knight Frank, Exe Valley Eggs, Rhino Rugby, Western Counties Equine Hospital, National Westchem, Maslands, Missina Horseboxes, NJT, Philip Dennis Foodservice, Firewatch and Stapleton Farm Yogurt.

The Careers Mentoring Directory is about to go live on the website and we are very grateful to all members of the Blundell's community who have most kindly assisted in delivering this initiative. It is another step towards our desire to provide Blundellians with support beyond their time as a pupil within the school. The Business Directory continues to be a popular first port of call for those seeking businesses and services offered by the Blundell's community. If you would like to know more about either of these initiatives, please do contact us.

We have had a busy year with events both at Blundell's and further afield; please do read the individual event summaries for more coverage. We have a full list of events given on the back page but are very excited to have our London Dinner at the Oxford and Cambridge Club this November and a dinner in Dusseldorf to reunite our Blundellian Community in Germany. Our featured profession for our reception in October will be those (that we know about) who have or are working within the world of Property and/or Agriculture, so please do let us know if you haven't already received an invitation from us but are involved in those professions. The comedy night with Dom Holland in January promises to be a lively and entertaining evening; please do support and obtain your tickets for any of these events as soon as possible.

We are hoping to introduce 'a breakfast with the Head' on a termly basis, a reunion of Blundell's Foundationers and a 'generations of families through Blundell's reception' in the near future. If you would like to know about any of these, again, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Once again thank you so much for all your support in so many different ways; it really does make such a difference to the Blundell's experience, both for current pupils and pupils of the future.



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Development Office Initiatives

School Careers and Mentoring Programme



Nick Holt, Career Mentor for pupils interested in the law

We are currently setting up a Career Mentoring Programme where mentors from various professions who would be willing to give guidance and advice to our current pupils and recent leavers are included in a directory. There are many career paths available and we hope our mentors will be able to give insight into the pros and cons of a particular career or industry. We believe this will help give pupils and recent leavers the extra confidence when leaving Blundell's to follow their chosen career path. If you would like to join our Career Mentoring Directory or if you can

offer advice or work experience placements, please email the Development Office for more information.

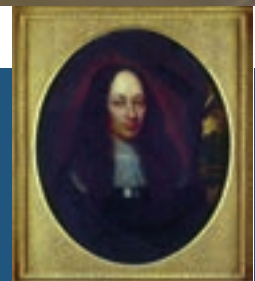
This year we will be hosting a career mentoring session on 15th November for pupils interested in the law as a career with Nick Holt and James Bullock who both have many years experience in the legal profession.

After the success of our Medical Mentoring evening last spring, we will again be hosting a mentoring evening in conjunction with our Professional Reception which will focus on Property and Agriculture. The career mentoring evening for pupils will take place on 10th March.



'There are many career paths available and we hope our mentors will be able to give insight into the pros and cons of a particular career or industry.'

Medical mentoring during the Spring Term 2013



Peter Blundell

1604 SOCIETY

We were delighted to welcome some of our 1604 Society members to lunch with the Head at Blundell House this summer; it was a wonderful opportunity to thank those who have pledged to support Blundell's in a bequest. Obviously this is a very personal area and support can be given completely anonymously if so wished. A Gift in your Will makes a significant difference, regardless of the amount pledged, to the lives of current pupils and future generations of Blundellians. If you would like to know more about making a gift, please contact Amber Oliver on 01884 232324 for a confidential discussion.

Forthcoming Events 2013/14

House of Commons Tour and Buffet Lunch - 11th October 2013



Please join us for an exclusive tour of the House of Commons by kind invitation of Neil Parish, MP for Tiverton and Honiton. The New Palace of Westminster - the correct name for the Houses of Parliament - stands on a historic riverside site which links it with the origins of Parliament and the ancient palace of the Norman kings. No other Parliament building in the world is as instantly recognisable as the New Palace of Westminster. It is impossible to walk through its corridors or dine in its imposing refreshment rooms without a deep sense of awe. It is a unique venue and a very special place.

If you are interested in attending this event please contact the Development Office as soon as possible.

The tour will take place at 12 noon and will be followed by a buffet lunch accompanied by Neil Parish. Ticket prices for the tour and lunch are £30 per person.



Hare and Hounds Alumni Run 14th December 2013

Calling all Alumni runners! The annual Alumni Hare and Hounds race will take place again this year at Wimbledon Common, London on 14th December. This is the oldest Alumni race in the UK and the team is keen to defeat Eton this year who pipped them last year by a few points! If you are an Alumni runner and would like to participate, please get in touch with the Development Office.

Property and Agriculture Reception 19th October 2013

Blundell's School, founded in 1604, was maintained for the first three hundred years of its existence solely by the profits from its properties in the town of Tiverton and, more importantly, from the large rural estate of West Prawle in south Devon. The school has always benefited from a constant influx of children from farming families, and during the 20th century it boasted a flourishing Agricultural Society among its activities.

Blundell's is still rich in property and agricultural connections and we will be hosting a reception on Saturday 19th October celebrating these ties for members of the Blundell's Community including OBs, past and current parents and supporters. Our guest speaker for the day is former member of staff and former Chairman of Governors David Fursdon. David is a Commissioner for



David Fursdon will be the guest speaker at the reception

English Heritage and the Crown Estate and runs and owns Fursdon Estate, which his family has owned for more than 750 years.

If you are a member of the Property and Agricultural Community or would like to meet with members who are, please inform the Development Office and we will be pleased to send you an invitation.

Blundell's Community London Dinner 8th November 2013



Our Annual London dinner increases in popularity each year and we are delighted to invite Old Blundellians and Blundellian parents past and present to join us on Friday 8th November at The Oxford and Cambridge Club by kind invitation of Blundell's governor, James Bullock (P 81-86).

The club was formed in March 1972 by the amalgamation of the United University Club and the Oxford and Cambridge University Club. The latter dates from a meeting of members from the two

universities held at the British Coffee House, 27 Cockspur Street on 17th May 1830, with Lord Palmerston in the chair.

This will be a great opportunity to meet old friends and to make new contacts from the Blundell's Community and we hope that you will wish to attend either as an individual, with your partner or to make up a table of friends for the evening. The dress code will be black tie. Speaking at the dinner will be the Head of Blundell's, Nicola Huggett, who will reflect on her first few terms at the school, and Barnabas Hurst-Bannister who will be an engaging, entertaining and inspiring after dinner speaker.

If you would like to attend please inform the Development Office. Tickets for the event will cost £80 per person (£65 for those under 25) which will include a three course meal with a drinks reception on arrival and a half bottle of wine during the meal.



Blundellian Battlefield Tour of the Western Front

24th to 28th April 2014

The centenary of the First World War is coming up next year. To mark this historic event, Old Blundellian Tim Courtenay (OH 54-59) will be leading a Pilgrimage to Ypres, the Artois and Somme regions ahead of the expected deluge of visitors from across the world. Tim is a career Royal Marine and has taken some 3,000 visitors to European battlefields, principally those of the two World Wars, for more than ten years.

This is a great opportunity for members of the Blundellian Community to visit these landmark areas and to learn a bit more about those who lost their lives in WW1, which included more than 200 Blundellians. We will visit many of the OB graves and memorials during the tour.

We have secured preferential accommodation close to all the sites it is planned to visit. Travel by luxury coach from Blundell's, ferry crossing and all guiding will cost £200 based on a party of 20 delegates. Additional costs will be accommodation and meals; double/twin room at €70 per person per night or single room €63 per person per night including breakfast; three course evening meal with wine €32 per person per night. The only other costs will be cafe lunches en route.

The initial draft programme is available to view on the Development Office website under forthcoming events.



Tim Courtenay (OH 54-59) on the right with the late Alan Fradgley (SH 34-39) presenting a Blundell's wreath



A Blundell's wreath to commemorate Old Blundellian soldiers

Comedy Night



Blundell's will be hosting a Comedy Night on Friday 17th January in aid of charity. Comedian Dom Holland will host the event and two other comedians will also be performing. Dom has been a professional comedian for more than twenty years, becoming one of the best and most respected comedians of his generation. He can be seen regularly on television, on such shows as Have I Got News for You and The Royal Variety Performance. The Sunday Times described him as 'The UK's master of observational comedy.' Tickets are available from the Main Office and tickets for pupils will be sold at a discounted rate.

Dinner in Germany

Many German pupils have studied at Blundell's and we are eager to host a dinner reception in Germany to meet with Old Blundellians and parents both past and current. We will be holding the dinner at the Willkommen im Beluga restaurant in Carlstadt, Dusseldorf on the 17th January from 7.30pm with a drinks reception and dinner. If you are currently living in Germany or the surrounding areas or will be visiting this location then, please do join us for this event. The dinner and drinks reception is £40 per ticket and we would love to see as many from the Blundell's community as possible.

Winter Lunches



The 'Winter Lunch' season is nearly upon us, where Old Blundellians and partners meet on the second Wednesday of the month to enjoy an informal lunch at 12.30pm at the Colin Beale Centre, followed by a short talk by a speaker on any manner of subject. We are always keen to encourage new faces to these events and so please do make contact with Janet Wooff (GH 80-82) if you have not been before and would like to know more, or indeed if you have an interest you might like to share at one of the lunches in the future. Janet can be contacted on 01884 232010 or email admin@obclub.co.uk. Please note places have to be booked by the dates specified. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Blundell's Sportsman Black Tie Dinner

Due to the popularity of last year's Russell Run dinner which was held after the Russell Run, we will be holding another Black Tie dinner on Saturday 22nd March 2014. Please save the date for this enjoyable evening which will include a drinks reception and three course meal. We will be celebrating the achievements of our sports men and women.

Henley Royal Regatta Reception

We will be holding a Blundell's reception at Henley Royal Regatta by kind permission of Patrick Penny (W 78-83) on Wednesday 27th June. We would like to invite Blundellians who are interested in this popular rowing event to view races throughout the day and enjoy a lunch in the Steward's enclosure tent. If you would like more information about the day including ticket prices please contact the Development Office.



Put the Band back together

Were you in a band whilst at Blundell's, or maybe since then? Would you like to reform for one night only for an exclusive Blundell's Band night at the 100 Club in Oxford Street, London?

We are looking for former and current band members who would like to help us stage an event at this unique venue. Contact the Development Office to register your interest.



Old Blundellian Day

For the first time, the Old Blundellian Club worked with the Blundell's Development Office to organise a day combining the traditional elements of OB Day and incorporating a Gaudy for OBs at school between 1950 and 1970. The result was an excellent day in June with a record number of 140 OBs and partners sitting down to lunch in the marquee on Big Field.

Proceedings began on Friday evening with a dinner organised by Peter Price (W 58-63) in the Tiverton Hotel. At the AGM in the Beale Centre, which started off Saturday's events, the Chairman reported an excellent year for the OBC with a large range of well supported events for OBs of all ages and interests. In line with the club's policy of encouraging younger OBs to return to Blundell's, two new committee members were elected, both of whom are under twenty five.

The Chapel congregation was larger than usual as most OBs attended and enjoyed a sermon from David Hamer (Chaplain 73 - 01). The lesson was read by Robert Beale (M 59 - 64). Fortunately the weather cleared up and a total of 170, including 30 staff, had pre lunch drinks in or outside the Beale Centre.



The Head Mrs Nicola Huggett addresses OBs at the lunch on Old Blundellian Day

Lunch was provided and served by the school catering team who did an excellent job. The President for the Day was Robert Fox (OH 59 - 63) who not only kept everybody awake during his post lunch speech, but was also very entertaining.

After lunch many OBs took the opportunity to visit their Houses and see new school buildings as well as visiting the comprehensive exhibition of 1950 to 1970 memorabilia set out by the school archivist in the Modern Languages Department. Tea in the Beale Centre followed, the OBs played the school at tennis and watched Blundell's win a cricket match on Big Field. Around 40 people attended the meal in the evening.

OB golf at Tiverton Golf Club followed on Sunday morning. All in all it was a very successful and varied OB Day. The OBC would like to thank the Development Office for help in organising and running the day and Old Blundellians for attending in such good numbers.

A more detailed account of the OB Day and Gaudy written by OB Peter Price can be seen on the OBC website www.blundells.org/obclub





Inside one of Agatha Christie's garden conservatories at Greenway

Garden Tour of Greenway House

Parents, both past and present, along with OBs and former staff members gathered at the historic Greenway House, the former summer home of Agatha Christie, for a house and garden tour and lunch reception. Despite the dreary weather conditions, the groups enjoyed the gardens which included the Peach House, a mini-cemetery of Agatha's animals and fantastic views of the River Dart.

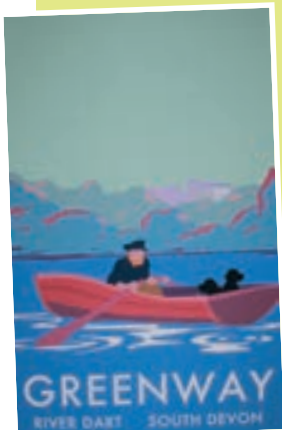
The tour of the house was of great interest to all and gave a real insight into the lives of both Agatha Christie and her family including her husband, the archaeologist Max Mallowan. The house and garden were a great source of inspiration for many of Agatha's novels, including Five Little Pigs, Towards Zero, Dead Man's Folly and many more.



Former governor Mike Bull and Julian Street (W 50-56) admire paintings inside Agatha Christie's summer home.



A selection of Agatha Christie's famous novels



Charity Golf Day

Our fourth Annual Charity Golf Day at Dainton golf course was a terrific success with teams comprised of Old Blundellians, past and present parents, staff, sponsors and supporters competing for the Championship title along with individual prizes. We were again very lucky with the weather and while the teams enjoyed a quick bite to eat we also hosted a mini-putting completion which was jointly won by current parent Nick Dyke and supporter Peter Smith.

The winning team was Hal White, Tom and John Lower (supporters) and Andy Fields (current parent); Nick Hancock (current parent) was the top scoring male, Shaneen Smith the top female, and Richard Aldridge (NC 56-60) was the top scoring Old Blundellian. All the teams completed the course in time for a drinks reception in the courtyard before a well-deserved carvery dinner which was followed by a charity raffle for both the Devon Air Ambulance and The Peter Blundell Foundation Award bursary provision. A variety of prizes were awarded on behalf of our sponsors Firewatch, Dainton Park Golf Course, Stapleton Yogurts, Philip Dennis Foodservice, WestChem and Jolly Vintner.

Many thanks to all those that participated in this year's golf day: we hope to see you all again next year!

Korean War Lecture

with John Hollands (OH 46-51)



Current pupils lined up to get their books signed by the author

The local British Legion approached the school with a proposal to mark the 60th anniversary of the end of the Korean War. John Hollands (OH 46-51) very kindly gave a talk to the current pupils and other war veterans on his experiences in the Korean War and what inspired him to write the book 'The Dead, The Dying & The Damned.' The book was originally banned from Blundell's school library because the Headmaster objected to some of the Tokyo 'R and R' scenes in the book.

Mr Hollands was introduced by former master Charles Noon (Master 72-02) who spoke about John's time at Blundell's and his highly successful career as an author. Many pupils queued after the talk to get a copy their books signed by the author. His first book *What a Fag* is currently receiving quite a revival in the school shop; get your copy while stocks last.



John Hollands (OH 46-51) with fellow war veterans and Charles Noon, former Master



London Drinks Reception

The Light Bar – 6th June 2013

Our 4th annual casual London drinks reception at The Light Bar near Shoreditch was a great success with close to 100 OBs and parents in attendance. We were thrilled to see so many Blundellians from all walks of life including OBs from 1940 to 2009! It was also terrific to see some current and past parents this year and was a great chance for everyone to meet with Nicola Huggett.

A special thanks to Old Blundellian James Goff (M 75-79) and Brett Sullings (FH 98-03) for all their help in enabling this event to happen; without their support it would have not been possible so we thank them for their generosity.



Above: Ron March (NC 55-60), Peter Price (W 58-63) and Chris Miles (M 55-58).

Top: The Head meets OB Nigel Barnes (SH 42-47) and Charles Knocker (FH 50-54).



Old Blundellians enjoying a pint after work at the London Drinks Reception



More than 180 guests attended helping to raise £2000 for the Mayor's Charities.

Mayor's Concert

The Mayor of Tiverton for 2012/13, Councillor Janet Rendle, was delighted to be able to use Big School as the venue for her charity concert in July. Andrew Barlow organised all the musical arrangements and accompanied the three OBs who performed at the concert.

Hana Skarkova (nee Srubarova) from the Czech Republic was an Ondaatje Scholar at the school from 1995-1997 and Mr and Mrs Rendle were her English guardians. Hana performed classical songs while fellow Old Blundellians Bella Barlow (GH 99-06) sang numbers from musical compositions and Rosamund Harpur (GH 03-10) performed on the flute.

All three performers are professionals who waived their fees to perform at Blundell's again. The evening was a great success and more than 180 guests attended, raising almost £2,000 for Mayor Janet's two charities - Tiverton Hospiscare and the Mayor's charity. DVDs of the concert are available to purchase and all profits will support the Mayor's charities. If you would like a copy please contact John Rendle (SH 62-66) john@mellguards.eclipse.co.uk or 01884 254914.



Performers included Old Blundellians Bella Barlow, Hana Skarkova (nee Srubarova) and Rosamund Harpur



OB PROFILE

Bella Barlow

Old Blundellian Bella Barlow (GH 99-06) recently returned to the school to take part in the Mayor's Concert as a

guest vocalist (see left). It was fortunate for concert goers that she could fit it into her busy schedule: she has been performing in cabarets all over London and during the summer was working as Assistant Musical Director of Soul Music – a new musical based on the novel by Terry Pratchett. Through her writing, she's also been asked to collaborate on the new musical, Poppy. But it all started with the song she wrote, inspired by the title tracks used for the James Bond films. In an article for the Starscreener website (an edited version is kindly reproduced with their permission), Bella reveals more about her inspirations and plans for the future.

Bella initially wrote the Bond style Another Life To Live over two years ago as part of her music degree, but after hearing Adele's smash-hit Skyfall she decided it was time to head back to the studio and get recording.

'I've always wanted to record the song', Bella says, 'but after finishing university I moved on to teaching as well as performing in a variety of stage and musical theatre shows. There was always so much going on that I had to put it on a back burner. But when I heard Skyfall I thought of Another Life To Live straight away and I decided now would be the perfect time to record it.'

And record it she did. With one version already available on SoundCloud, Bella is overwhelmed by the positive feedback she has received. 'The comments from people have been wonderful, especially via Twitter. There have been so many people requesting to

buy it I've decided to release it on iTunes and I've even got the opportunity to record it with a full orchestra which I am so excited about!'

But Bond isn't her only inspiration. 'My musical style is very much pop mixed with musical theatre - a cross between KT Tunstall with a bit of Goldrich and Heisler. I've also always loved Victoria Wood's style of comedy singing, that was another huge influence for me growing up - so much so that I'm actually in the process of recording a song in a similar style. One of my ultimate goals would be to write and perform a comedy song with Miranda Hart - she's so funny'.

Bella's not only a talented singer, though. She also has a lot of theatre experience, including a sell-out run at the Edinburgh Fringe starring in Side By Side with MCG Theatre in association with Highly Strung Productions. Coming up next is a performance in the cabaret Love and Facebook at The Battersea Barge, and later this year she'll also be trying out life on the other side of the camera, directing a musical at Goldsmiths University.

When she's not busy performing or directing, Bella also finds time to lead performance workshops for children who are interested in musical theatre, as well as offering private tuition in musical theatre, singing and piano.

And before we go, there's one more thing we just have to ask. 'My favourite Bond? Pierce Brosnan, without a doubt. He's just absolutely gorgeous!'

Since this article was published, Bella has recorded the song with the orchestra that played at the Mayor's Concert and a link to the song is on her website www.bellabarlow.co.uk.



Old Blundellian

Sports weekend 15th March 2013

OBs v Pupils - Fives

We had an entertaining if wet fives match against the OBs. It was a tough but good natured battle. The OBs got the upper hand winning 114-72, experience and cunning winning over youthful vigour and enthusiasm. There were many good games and pupils Tom McPherson, Alistair Chilcott and Jack Webber played particularly well in the singles. Harvey Scott and Tom McPherson fought hard in the doubles against Alex Rew (TH 84-89) Tim Lewis (W 71-76) as did Alistair Chilcott and Jack Webber, winning one of their games 11-9. Suguru Saito and Sam Combe turned the tables on Wayne Enstone and Chris Hedley-Dent, pushing the second game to a gentleman's draw of 10-all!

All in all it was an excellent match played in good spirit.



Above: Alex Rew (TH 84-89) takes on Tom McPherson (recent leaver 2013)

Below: A friendly photo with OBs and pupils taken before a fierce match



OBs v Pupils - Football

An end to end game which saw the OBs respond magnificently to the school's opening goal resulted in a 6-1 victory for the school. The OBs found the school's energy and organisation too much for their weary legs towards the finish of the second half. Matt Pynn (W 94-99) is to be congratulated on his 12th consecutive cap for the OBs.

OBs v Pupils - Squash

The annual squash encounter between the OBs and the school is seldom an event without excitement and this year the OBs were able to secure a second win! Earlier in the afternoon, two thrilling battles took place at the No 2 and No 4 spot. Jess Mudge (GH 04-11) returned from Birmingham to play Joe Pyne in a gruelling five setter which Joe won 13-11 in the fifth. In a similar, bruising encounter, the OB number four Phil Hancock (M 70-75) played William French in another nail-biter which also saw the school win 13-11 in the fifth game. Grant Dee Shapland (P 71-76) at No 3, returning to grace the courts for the second time in four years, beat Gary Abdoll 3-0. In the No 5 slot Peter Melville-Shreeve (OH 98-03) made his debut for the OBs and put up a valiant performance but was perhaps a little outgunned by the unorthodox but effective shot combinations of Matthew Oddy. Peter lost his game 3-0 to leave the OBs in second place overall. Blundell's won 3-2, outrunning the OBs but there is always next year!



Sport



Old Blundellian players get ready to take on the pupils!



OBs v Pupils - Hockey

Despite having a full set of players for most of the match, the OBs were in danger of being humiliated as the school 1st XI established a 5-0 lead. At the time, a composed finish from Matt Stones (P 01-08) looked little more than a consolation as the OBs eventually got on the scoreboard just before half-time from the penalty spot.

During the break, Simon Higgins (OH 03-08) had to make an abrupt exit. This signalled a change in fortunes for the OBs. Hockey player and Graduate Assistant James Mayes put his whistle away and was substituted on and started sliding the ball all over the pitch! The midfield of Bess Menheneott (NC 02-09), Ben Shellbourne (FH 05-12) and Harrison Briggs (OH 10-12) dominated, and James Waddington (P 98-05) struck a great reverse-stick goal as the OBs threatened a remarkable comeback, but at the end of time it was a win for the school.

Kate Pyle (GH 87-89), now Kate Wheatley, organised tennis with the school on OB Day and it was a great pleasure to see a mix of OBs enjoying early evening tennis. The emphasis was very much on taking part and camaraderie rather than Wimbledon-esque competitiveness - no grunting and no referees!

After last year's retention of the Olympic Cricket Trophy, a quiet OB cricket year was anticipated. However, Chad Murrin (FH 69-73), invigorated by 2013 triumphs, added to the OB fixture list and produced some excellent sides. The fixture against the school was competitive and of a high standard with the OBs just winning. Denstone Wanderers, Old Tauntonians and the South Wales Hunt were seen off comprehensively with Graham Poulton (SH 67-72) making a welcome return to OB cricket.

Sport is an integral part of OB Club activities and more information about matches is available on the website. We have recently been asked by the London Old Street Onions Rugby team if there was a possibility of OBs forming a rugby team in the area, so if any London based players are interested, please get in touch with the OB Club. Similarly, we can help OBs with contacts and help in organising other sporting events.

Save the Date: Old Blundellian Sporting Events

OB Sports Weekend hockey (co-ed), netball, squash and fives on Friday 21st March and football on the 22nd. The Annual Reichwald Fives Tournament will be held on Sunday 13th October 2013.



Cape Argus 2013

In November 2012 an Old Blundellian, who also happens to be my son, informed me that he would be riding as part of the Fundsmith team in the Cape Argus in March 2013. Investigation revealed that the Cape Argus is the biggest timed bicycle race in the world and involves riding a bicycle 110km round the Cape Town peninsula with 35,000 others, some of whom have competed in the Tour de France and the Olympics. As the steady drizzle set in over Tiverton for the next six months, I thought I would rather like to be riding a bicycle in clear air and a temperature of 30 degrees in Cape Town in March, so I entered the race.

The application form required previous racing experience and I, rather pathetically, was only able to say I rode quite fast to school when I was young a long time ago. But I was accepted and the Fundsmith team shirt arrived in the post. Fundsmith is an investment company set up by Terry Smith, a well known City figure, for whom Tom Armstrong (M 91- 93) works. I suffered much negative banter from those who remembered me driving the 50m from FH to the squash courts.

I will spare readers the details of painful training throughout the Devon winter and experimentation with multiple pairs of padded shorts and saddle angles. I duly arrived in Cape Town in March, wandered into the rented Fundsmith Camps Bay mansion and shook hands with Simon Kneel (W 79 - 84). I had last seen Simon 30 years earlier in a Physics lab at Blundell's. It turned out that one of his great Cambridge friends was a member of the Fundsmith team and Simon had agreed to pace his friend in the Argus. Simon has lived in Cape Town

for many years with his wife and they both enjoy outdoor pursuits.

I arrived at the start in Cape Town at 6am on 10th March with two OBs as the sun rose over Table Mountain, dressed immaculately in black Lycra with the bike I had disassembled, flown with and then reassembled myself. Riders are grouped in pens of 1000 or so and released at the same time. At 8am, my pen headed off down the east side of the Cape peninsula. The most frightening thing is the proximity of other riders and the need to ride at approximately the same speed as them in order not to be knocked off. The day warmed up to 30 degrees and we crossed the bottom of the peninsula before ascending Chapman's Peak, the stiffest climb on the course. Wedged in a group of 10 cyclists across the road with only a gap of a metre separating the rider in front and the rider behind from me, I had no choice but to rocket down a winding road at about 50 mph with a cliff face on one side and a 50m drop to the ocean on the other.

I finished in six hrs and joined 25,000 others in the drinks tent for well earned beers. The OBs beat me comfortably but I employed the Duckworth Armstrong rule involving dividing time by age to convince myself I had beaten them and was delighted to have been faster than 5,000 starters. One fall and some minor grazes were the only downside.

Next year's race is on March 9th 2014. South African OBs are keen to have a gathering over that weekend. Entries for the Argus open on 1st Sept 2013. I'll be there - how about an OB team?

Paddy Armstrong



The team admiring a great shot by David Bentata (FH 51-56)

The Annual Magpies Veterans Shoot took place on 11th July 2013, luckily once again in the sort of idyllic weather conditions we've seen during the recent past. Just one team had been booked, but by Murphy's Law seven people turned up, so two of us had to stand down. I had no problem in exercising captain's prerogative (quite a relief, actually) but I did feel some sympathy for Richard Price, who arrived well in time, but just after the team card had been signed. We were rather fortunate in knowing that David B (Club Coach) would turn up, because he had the only rifle, and not for the first time everything depended on his letting everyone else use it, and in coaching them individually. Good job that he's such a clubable fellow!

The actual shoot, though dry, was bedevilled by a fresh, variable and veering breeze, which affected the righteous and unrighteous alike, and resulted in the top teams missing the usual quintet of possibles. Despite this being their first open range venture this season, Magpie stalwarts David Bentata (FH 51-56), Hugo Brooke (NC 49-54), Mike Chandler (P 60-65), Chris Barker (P 60-64) and Robert Bentata (FH 82-87), performed with verve and panache, and although the final score of 204.8 lay rather towards the lower end of the spectrum, manifestly enjoyed the experience.

Team Captain Peter Ward (FH 1959-1964).



Team Captain Peter Ward (FH 1959-1964) on left

Old Blundellian Camping

Alex Scott organised this year's camping trip again and did a fantastic job. Forty Old Blundellians, partners and children pitched tents next to Westlake on Saturday 24 August. The Beale Centre acted as a focus and comfort station with campers having use of the pavilion showers, the swimming pool and the tennis courts.

Saturday evening was familiarisation with children getting to know one another and 'the lads' making significant inroads into a pin of Otter beer. British Bulldog on Bog Field brought back memories and some competitive tennis kept the children happy.

On Sunday morning several OBs slipped into Lycra and helmets and the inaugural ride of the Old Blundellian Cycling Club took place out to Huntsham with a few serious riders going on up Golf Ball Hill. The

proposal for Club formation was put up by James McRae whilst enjoying a pint at the Redwoods Inn on the way back and was enthusiastically supported by all including Rob Russell who had ridden from his home in Portishead to Blundell's the day before. Readers interested in an annual ride please contact James via the Old Blundellian Club.

Sunday lunch was a barbeque followed by an amazing meal put together by Kate McIver who had driven down from her farm

that day. A diligent approach, as always, allowed OBs to polish off both the Otter and the wine in the Beale Centre before retiring. The sun shone on Monday morning and, after a cooked breakfast, a swimming gala took place followed by lunch and departure. We are all looking forward to next year's event which, hopefully, Alex will again organise.

The inaugural meeting of the OB Cycling Club



Devon Air Ambulance Helicopter Tour

Big Field was transformed into a helicopter pad for the afternoon when we played host to the Devon Air Ambulance Trust's new helicopter. This was just one of a series of drop-in visits that the new helicopter made across the county. Blundell's School is one of DAAT's official landing sites and the tour allowed aircrew the chance to familiarise themselves with the new aircraft and landing site.

We welcomed more than 200 local visitors, many of whom received a personal tour of the helicopter by a DAAT pilot. Exeter Chiefs Rugby players, Craig Mitchell and Jack Arnott, were also present and signed autographs for the

visitors. Blundell's School pupils donated a selection of artwork which was sold in aid of DAAT and refreshments were available to the visitors.

Devon Air Ambulance is one of Blundell's favourite local charities and the school has raised over £500 in the last year to support the new helicopter. This event is one example of the way in which Blundell's works with the community to support local good causes.

Exeter Chiefs players Craig Mitchell (left) and Jack Arnott flank the Head and DAAT Operations Director Nigel Hare with the cheque presented by the school

Blundell's Community

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2013

- 4th Big Band Charity Concert**
Big School, 7.30pm
Contact: Main Office
- 9th Winter Lunch**, Speaker: Michael Imbert (FH 46-48)
'Preservation and Conservation' Beale Centre
Contact: OB Club
- 11th London Tour and Lunch at the House of Commons**
Contact: Development Office
- 13th The Reichwald Trophy, Fives Tournament**
Blundell's School. **Contact:** OB Club
- 17th Quiz in aid of CLIC**
Big School, 7pm. **Contact:** Main Office
- 18th Allegri String Quartet**
Big School, 7.30pm. **Contact:** Main Office
- 19th Property and Agriculture Reception Lunch**
12pm Big School
Contact: Development Office
- 30th Food and Craft Fair**
In aid of Children's Hospice, Big School 10am - 7pm
Contact: Development Office

NOVEMBER 2013

- 8th Music Scholars Concert**
Big School, 7.30pm **Contact:** Main Office
- 8th London Dinner, Oxford and Cambridge Club**
Contact: Development Office
- 13th Winter Lunch**, Speaker: Lieutenant-Colonel Tim Courtenay (OH 54-59) 'The Trucial Oman Scouts'
Beale Centre **Contact:** OB Club
- 15th The Law - Career Mentoring for pupils**
Beale Centre **Contact:** Development Office
- 16th Christmas Market**
Blundell's Prep School, 10am to 2pm
Contact: Development Office
- 21st Wine Tasting**
in aid of charity, Ondaatje Hall, 7pm
Contact: Main Office

DECEMBER 2013

- 11th Winter Lunch**, Speaker: Peter Price (W 58-63) 'You cannot square the circle to how the circle **was** squared for my favourite Blundellian hero.' Beale Centre **Contact:** OB Club
- 14th Hare and Hounds Alumni Run**
Wimbledon Common
Contact: Development Office

JANUARY 2014

- 13th Winter Lunch**, Speaker: James Wyeth (OH 46-50)
Beale Centre **Contact:** OB Club
- 17th Blundell's Germany Dinner** Cologne, Germany
Contact: Development Office
- 17th Blundell's Comedy Night** in aid of charity, Big School
Contact: Development Office

FEBRUARY 2014

- 12th Winter Lunch**, Speaker: Major David Waterworth (NC 58-63) 'Devon Army Cadet Force Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions to Spain' Beale Centre **Contact:** OB Club

MARCH 2014

- 8th Annual Veteran's Russell Race** Blundell's School
3.30pm race **Contact:** Development Office
- 10th Property and Agriculture Career Mentoring for pupils** Beale Centre 6.15pm - 8.00pm
Contact: Development Office
- 12th Winter Lunch**, Speaker: Bart Wielenga (Second Master) topic TBC, Beale Centre **Contact:** OB Club
- 21st OB Sports Weekend** (hockey, netball, squash and fives)
Contact: OB Club
- 22nd OB Sports Weekend** (Football) **Contact:** OB Club
- 22nd Blundell's Black Tie Dinner** Big School, 10am to 6pm
Contact: Development Office or OB Club

APRIL 2014

- 24th Western Front Pilgrimage** European Battlefields
- 28th** **Contact:** Development Office

JULY 2014

- 2nd Henley Royal Regatta Reception** Henley-on-Thames
Places strictly limited **Contact:** Development Office

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