



Blundell's

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Diary



I am writing this introduction to the latest edition of The Diary the day after school closed for the Christmas Holidays. The school is quiet – not quite deserted because there are still plenty of members of the support staff around getting on with their business – but certainly quiet in comparison to these last few festive days before the end of term.

The Diary is filled with stories from the past 6 months and there are many events and achievements to share. From a fantastic Halloween Concert to the recent production of Lorna Doone along with the traditional Autumn team sports of rugby, hockey and basketball. There are many good things going on at school and you will no doubt enjoy reading about them here.

The last week of the Autumn Term may well be my favourite week of the whole year. On Sunday we held our Advent Carol Service which was led by our choirs including pupils from the Prep School. Along with our full boarders and the big choir, we were joined by many parents ensuring the chapel was full to sing the advent carols. The choir were on astonishingly good form as they performed John Rutter's 'Star Carol' and Toby Young's atmospheric choral piece entitled 'The Owl'.

Although Storm Darragh did for the final block fixtures for our hockey and rugby teams, we managed to rearrange the 1st XV fixture to be played on Big Field on Monday afternoon. A big crowd cheered the boys on to one of their best wins of the campaign. Soon after the conclusion of that game the 1st XI girls took to the astro to play a staff team loaded with talent. The staff eventually won 2 – 1.

In the evening School House celebrated their Gut dinner followed by a joyous and raucous rendition of 'Let it Go' from Frozen by Year 7. The School House pupils ended their term with an inaugural celebration assembly on Tuesday morning. Tuesday afternoon saw the rest of the school enjoy an atmospheric Carol Service in a packed chapel followed by 'The Gut' – our traditional Christmas dinner.

Wednesday morning started with House Relays and Tug-of-War followed by a fantastic brunch before a final assembly concluded a busy few days. It has been such fun and I have no doubt that our pupils will have headed home exhausted but with many happy memories of another action-packed term.

A lot of hard work happens in and out of the classroom, but at the end of the day, school should be about creating happy memories to savour for years and years after pupils have left school.

BART WIELENGA

Full Colours

Congratulations to Esme on being awarded Full Colours for Academics.



Last week, our A-level English Literature and Drama pupils enjoyed an enriching trip to Stratford-upon-Avon, where they engaged in a day of immersive learning. The visit included watching Othello at the renowned Royal Shakespeare Theatre and participating in a specialized drama workshop hosted by the Royal Shakespeare Company.

During the workshop, pupils worked with a professional RSC director and actor, exploring pivotal scenes, examining character motivations, and experimenting with acting techniques used by the company to bring Shakespeare's text to life. This hands-on experience allowed them to deepen their understanding of Othello and offered a fresh perspective on Shakespearean performance.

We look forward to seeing how this unique experience will inspire and enhance their upcoming essays and performances.

Blundell's Product Design Pupils Inspired by Morgan and JCB Visit

In November, Blundell's A-level Product Design pupils and D&T Scholars enjoyed an eye-opening trip to Morgan Motor Company and JCB.

The visit showcased the stark contrast between Morgan's bespoke craftsmanship and JCB's high-tech, large-scale manufacturing. Pupils gained invaluable insights into design and production, deepening their understanding of the industry.

This hands-on experience highlights Blundell's commitment to connecting classroom learning with the real world.



Snow Ball Success

With tickets selling out within a week, there was no doubting that both the Prep and Senior School parent community were super excited to come together and celebrate the Blundell's magic! Delicious food, flowing bubbly, bar provided by Exeter Brewery, I Love Amp live music, photo booth and a casino all proved to be the perfect ingredients for a fantastic night!

A massive thank you to all of those who helped to make it such a wonderful and memorable event, especially the catering staff and porters who without them, it would simply not have taken place! Thank you to Three Degrees South for sponsoring the welcome drinks, and to the Senior School Parent committee who became festive elves for the day ensuring the Dining Hall and Big School sparked in true snowball fashion.

Finally, a big shout out to the following individuals, companies and organisations who donated such an array of fantastic auction and raffle prizes for everyone to win, we are truly grateful for your support:

James Frost OB, Ben Collins OB, Rachel Hazell OB, Rob Kitson OB, Executive Chef Ankur, Nigel Hall, Saunton Golf Club, The Luttral Arms, Wonham Oak Tree Houses, Georgie Collins, Old Blundellian Cricket Club, Three Degrees South, Tiverton Golf Club, Form Farm Longhorn Beef, Jo Twose, The English Artist Gallery, The Butterleigh Inn, School Blazer, Wolversleigh Farm Shepherd's Huts, Westlake Roofing, Jo Amor, Dry Robe, Pyne's Somerset Butchers, PowerCor, Baytek, DurantSports, Alliance Local, AUK Hygiene, A1 Windows & Doors, South West Coffee Company, Tiverton & Taunton Carpets, Namoh Curry, Roberts, Better Connected, RW Gale, Falcon Minibus and Ken White Signs.

Here's to The Snow Ball 2025 – we can't wait to see you there!



Our Design & Technology Scholars had an amazing day at the Supacat Test Track last week. It provided a fantastic insight into the complex mechanical and electrical engineering involved; the testing and trials of their vehicles; hands on opportunities to explore behind the scenes design and detail plus the chance to ask questions and further their understanding. All topped off with a fast-paced ride around the track and the opportunity to test their own skills in an aerodynamics competition!

Study Abroad

Pupils from Years 11 to 13, along with their parents, enjoyed a fantastic enrichment event exploring opportunities to study abroad. Three speakers shared valuable insights: Richard from The University Guys highlighted how studying abroad can set pupils apart; Sarah from Study Options encouraged pupils to consider continuing their education in Australia and New Zealand; and Akhilesh from Hult International Business School emphasized the importance of working as part of a diverse team.

Following this, a group of pupils visited King's Bruton School to participate in the University Guys International Universities Roadshow, offering them a unique opportunity to speak directly with admissions officers and learn how to strengthen their applications. Both events left pupils feeling inspired about their future options and equipped with clear steps for pursuing these international educational pathways.



Celebrating Outstanding Achievements in the Senior Maths Challenge

We are delighted to announce the results of this year's Senior Maths Challenge, a competition renowned for its complex problems that test even the most talented A-level pupils. This year marked our most successful participation yet, with our pupils earning 12 Gold, 11 Silver, and 36 Bronze awards.

The top scorers who secured the 12 Gold awards included Ed, who achieved the best score in the school, dropping only a single mark. Anastasiia attained the best in Year 11, while Jasmine earned the top spot in Year 13. Other Gold recipients included Henry, Joy, Billy, Eric, Daisy, Will, Dario, Alex, and Harry.

Special recognition goes to Theo for attaining the best in Year 10 with a Silver award and to Lucy, who achieved the best in Year 9 with a Bronze.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication our pupils have put into their mathematics, resulting in these impressive accomplishments. Pupils should feel justifiably proud of their achievements in this prestigious competition.



Senior Kangaroo

Impressive Results for Blundell's in the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls

We are delighted to announce the achievements of our pupils in this year's Mathematical Olympiad for Girls. This challenging problem-solving competition, designed for top pupils in Years 11 to 13, selects participants for the British Mathematical Olympiad and poses unique, complex questions.

Four pupils from Blundell's took part, with Anastasiia, attaining the highest score in the school and receiving the regional award for the Southwest, a high distinction. This remarkable performance placed her in the top 10 out of nearly 5,000 participants.

Additionally, congratulations go to Daisy and Jeanne, who earned Merit awards for their strong performances.

All our pupils should be proud of their achievements, and we look forward to supporting their continued growth in mathematics.



Earlier this term, we were delighted to share the results of the Senior Kangaroo. This was the follow-on round for those who achieved Gold in the Senior Maths Challenge. The questions were even more challenging than the already fiendish round before, so performing well in this was an achievement to be proud of. The highest award attainable in this round was merit, and we were thrilled to announce that Jasmine and Alex managed to achieve this, along with the joint highest mark in the school.

The Maths department was very proud of the preparation and effort the pupils put in to push themselves toward success, and we looked forward to celebrating their continued achievements.

Hinkley Point C

On 3rd October, 46 of our A-level geographers and physicists undertook an eye-opening trip to Hinkley Point C, the UK's flagship nuclear power station under construction in Somerset, accompanied by Mr Bucknell, Mrs Bating, Mr Clayton and Mrs Holman. The visit offered a unique blend of academic insight and hands-on learning, giving pupils a deeper understanding of the critical role nuclear



energy plays in the UK's future energy strategy.

We had the opportunity to meet one of the EDF physicists at the site who gave us a short brief on the construction phase and future capacity of the plant.

For Physics pupils, it was a rare opportunity to see at scale how theoretical concepts are applied.

Meanwhile, Geography pupils delved into the environmental implications of large-scale projects such as Hinkley and how nuclear power fits into the country's drive for sustainable energy.

Overall, this was a great real-world learning experience for all pupils.

Modern Languages



Beyond Languages event (17.09.24)

Modern Languages pupils from Year 10-13 were invited to take part in an enriching academic event with the Department of Modern Languages and Cultures at Exeter University. Professors and lecturers presented the value of learning languages in today's world and the many opportunities in both the UK and abroad that studying languages brings. The workshop opened the floor to important discussions with pupils on why they enjoy languages reflecting on their strong future career prospects and leading more fulfilling lives with an appreciation of cultures beyond their own. Pupils enjoyed hearing about French film, German history and multicultural linguists.



European Day Of Languages (26.09.24)

The day opened with a Parent Coffee Morning, welcoming families to our department and opening the doors to see our teaching. Later that morning a few of our Sixth Form French and German pupils taught a local primary school as part of their visit to Blundell's. The Year 5s enjoyed singing the days of the week in German and learning colours in French with games outside. At breaktime, pastries were served to all School House pupils who asked in either French, German or Spanish! A European Day of Languages Lunch was served with fantastic decorations, a Peace Wall, language games and an interactive photobooth for all pupils.



Huge congratulations to Emily in Year 13, who has committed to prestigious Ivy League research institution, Brown University. Emily successfully interviewed with a number of US Universities during the Summer term of Year 11 and, following official visits in October 2023, made the exciting decision to join Brown from next year. She will be studying for a degree in Neuroscience and, as a Recruited Student Athlete, will be representing Brown as a member of its NCAA Division 1 Field Hockey team. We're incredibly proud of her dedication, talent, and all the hard work she's put in to reach this remarkable milestone.

Congratulations, Emily! We're excited to see all that you'll accomplish at Brown University.



MFL Workshop with Queen's College Oxford (03.10.24)

We welcomed a Language Ambassador from Queen's College Oxford to deliver a Creative Translation Workshop for selected Year 10 linguists at the Beale Centre. As part of the Anthea Bell Translation Exchange, our Ambassador, Klara, engaged pupils in a variety of multilingual activities exploring German, Spanish and Japanese idioms, French literature and translation. We also welcomed our recent Translation Prize Winner, Mathilda who introduced an engaging segment of a German series, allowing pupils to practice subtitling in translation. Pupils left feeling inspired by their own abilities in translating new languages and the multilingual nature of our school.

A Celebration of Creative Arts at Blundell's

Blundell's School hosted an unforgettable day of creative inspiration on Friday, welcoming three highly successful Old Blundellians back to campus: Ed McVey (stage and screen actor), Redmond Sanders (opera singer), and Rex Southwick (artist).

Creative Arts Evening

The evening saw Music, Drama, and Art Scholars, along with A-level pupils, enjoy a series of inspirational talks from the guest speakers. Redmond Sanders captivated the audience with a breathtaking performance, while all three shared invaluable advice on pursuing careers in the creative industries. Pupils were able to engage directly with the speakers, gaining insights into their fields and inspiration for their own creative ambitions.

Drama Workshop with Ed McVey

Earlier in the day, the cast of Lorna Doone participated in an exclusive workshop led by Ed McVey, who recently portrayed Prince William in *The Crown*, Season 6. Ed provided practical advice on developing roles and teamwork, energizing the cast as they prepare for their opening night.

For Ed, the workshop was particularly meaningful as he returned to the Ondaatje stage where his love for theatre first began during his time at Blundell's. The session also included a Q&A with filmmaker, director, and playwright Holly Stevens, who shared further insights into the creative arts industry.

The day left pupils inspired and full of ideas for their own creative journeys. The school extends its gratitude to Ed, Redmond, Rex, and Holly for making the event such a memorable experience.



Blundell's Year 10 Artists Inspired by London's Art Scene

Blundell's Year 10 Fine Artists had an inspiring trip to London this week, organized by the school's Art Department. The day began with a visit to the Herbert Smith Freehills Portrait Award Exhibition at the National Portrait Gallery, where pupils admired contemporary portraiture from both emerging and established artists.

The group then explored the expansive art collection at the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square, drawing inspiration from masterpieces across centuries. The experience left the pupils energized and creatively inspired, enhancing their passion and perspective as they continue their artistic journey at Blundell's.

Blundell's Modern Foreign Languages and Art Trip to Paris

This term, Blundell's pupils embarked on an enriching Modern Foreign Languages and Art trip to Paris, immersing themselves in the city's vibrant culture and iconic landmarks. The itinerary was filled with exciting activities, from exploring the world-renowned Louvre Museum to taking in the breathtaking views from the Eiffel Tower.

Pupils strolled through the charming streets, visiting must-see sites like the Arc de Triomphe and capturing the essence of Parisian life through sketches and photographs. The trip also included a scenic boat cruise along the River Seine, offering a unique perspective of the city's historic architecture and famous monuments.

With every step, pupils had the opportunity to blend language skills with artistic inspiration, making this adventure a perfect fusion of learning and discovery.



Blundell's pupils Izzy and Arby created bespoke artwork for Edenstone Homes' show home at The Orchards, balancing this project with their GCSE coursework. Working to a surf and beach-themed brief set by Edenstone and Blocc Interiors, their vibrant pieces—using acrylic paint and ink—have become a talking point among homebuyers, with one work presented on a washed-up wooden board. Edenstone's operations director praised the pupils' professionalism and creativity, while Izzy and Arby described the experience as an exciting introduction to the world of commercial art and interior design.

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Lorna Doone



The curtain has fallen on yet another extraordinary senior production at Blundell's, and what a spectacular show it was. *Lorna Doone* returned to the stage, a decade after it first debuted under the direction of our talented and passionate Drama team. This production celebrated not only the timeless beauty of RD Blackmore's novel but also the rich Blundellian connection to the story, making it a truly unique and special event.

In his director's notes, the Drama Department's stalwart leader reflected on this remarkable milestone:

"Here we are, ten years on... Because of the very special Blundellian connection to *Lorna Doone*, it was decided that we would start a tradition of producing a senior production once a decade. *Lorna Doone* 2014 was one of the first senior productions I directed at the school, and it is a lovely opportunity to look back."

Over the years, the Drama Department has produced a dazzling array of shows, from *Into the Woods* and *Twelfth Night*, to *Dracula* and the eagerly anticipated *Les Misérables* next term. These productions have nurtured pupils' talents, fostered camaraderie, and launched the careers of many Drama alumni who continue to shine in drama-related courses and professions.

A Production to Remember

The latest staging of *Lorna Doone* was an ambitious feat, and the entire school community rose to the occasion. The breathtaking Exmoor hills came to life on stage, thanks to the brilliant set design by Xanthe and Daisy, while the stage crew ensured smooth and professional scene transitions. The

technical challenges of big battle scenes and rolling landscapes were tackled with creativity and precision by the sound and lighting team, who added depth and atmosphere to every moment. This production was also a testament to teamwork, with contributions from every corner of the school. From the catering team, who kept everyone fuelled, to the teachers involved in make-up and costumes, and of course the talented director, it was truly a collaborative triumph. And then there were the pupils, whose dedication and talent shone through in every performance. Special mention must go to our *Lorna Doone* and John Ridd, who overcame the challenges of portraying young love in front of their peers with mature, nuanced, and accomplished performances.

A Heartfelt Congratulations

A massive congratulations to everyone involved: Xanthe and Daisy for their beautiful backdrop design. The stage crew for their seamless scene changes. The sound and lighting team for their technical wizardry. The catering team, Mr Lecharpentier for the amazing photos and the teachers behind the costumes and make-up, and of course, the director for their vision and dedication.

Most importantly, the pupils, who poured their hearts into their roles on stage.

This production has certainly added another gem to the crown of Blundell's Drama Department. As the director noted, "There is something unique about putting on a story where the hero goes to Blundell's school, staging one of the most enduring novels in English literature with a sense of it returning to its spiritual home."

To all who joined us for an evening of drama, romance, and adventure, we hope you were swept away by the rolling Exmoor hills, the timeless love story, and the extraordinary talent of our Blundell's community.

Wonderboy



Year 11 Drama pupils visited Bristol Old Vic theatre to watch a performance of Wonder Boy, which they will be writing about in their end of year exam. A hugely inspiring production which follows a young boy's journey through school and how he navigates life with a stammer. This innovative production used a range of theatrical devices, including creative captioning, to ensure a highly inclusive and inspiring performance. Before the show the cast were fortunate enough to have a Q&A with director Sally Cookson, and members of the creative team, and gained a fantastic insight into the making of the show, the use of BSL, and working in the industry.

"While the play did come to a somewhat frustrating end as the scene snapped to black just as we were about to witness the protagonist, Sonny, overcome his fear of stammering, the overall message of young people's struggle with communication was conveyed with great impact by Sally Cookson's abstract and memorable performance of Wonder Boy."

Mimi (Year 11)



In December our A-Level Drama and Theatre pupils went to see the National Theatre's breathtaking production of War Horse at Theatre Royal, Plymouth. This revival was directed by Katie Henry and the use of puppetry, projections and stagecraft was astounding. A hugely inspirational performance which the pupils will be evaluating as part of their studies.



Chamber Choir and Sixth Form Scholars at St Andrew's Church

On Thursday 28th November, the Chamber Choir and Sixth Form scholars performed a delightful concert at St Andrew's Church, combining Advent repertoire with a variety of engaging solo performances. This was a valuable opportunity for the Chamber Choir to rehearse some of the music they have been preparing for the upcoming Advent Carol Service on Sunday 8th December. It was impressive to hear how confidently the pupils tackled the repertoire after only a couple of rehearsals.

The evening featured a range of performances, including contributions from the String Group and a Sixth Form Brass Quartet, both of whom added further variety and energy to the programme. There were also memorable solo performances by Sixth Form scholars, showcasing both graded exam pieces and festive music of their own choosing. Ella (Year 13) and Toby (Year 12), who both recently passed their Grade 8 examinations, gave polished performances on trumpet and flute respectively. There were entertaining Christmas-themed piano pieces from Lana (Year 12) and Harry (Year 13), while Oliver (Year 13) gave an engaging vocal performance of 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town', capturing the spirit of the season.

The concert concluded with the Chamber Choir's performance of The Sussex Carol, arranged by David Willcocks, which brought the evening to a warm and fitting close.

It was a pleasure to return to St Andrew's Church, where the resonant acoustics added a special quality to the performances. Earlier this year, the choirs recorded a Christmas album in the same venue, and we look forward to sharing it with the Blundell's community in due course.

Redmond Sanders Singing Workshop

On Friday 15th November, the cast of Les Misérables took part in a singing workshop and Q&A session, led by Redmond Sanders (OB) and Caroline Rochfort, a professional singer who formerly played the lead role of 'Fantine' in the West End.

Redmond, who has been training as an opera singer for the past six years, opened the session with a powerful performance and an insightful talk on his journey in music since leaving school. He then guided the cast through a workshop of One Day More, offering advice along the way on breathing techniques, diction, and the interpretation and delivery of their lines. The pupils responded enthusiastically, working hard to incorporate his expert advice into their practice.

The afternoon continued with a fascinating Q&A session with Caroline Rochfort, who shared stories from her time as Fantine, including navigating the audition process, her debut performance, and her musical journey from Devon to the West End. The cast were captivated by her experiences, engaging with thoughtful questions and leaving deeply inspired by her insights.



Grade 8 Success:

Congratulations to all the pupils who took graded music examinations at the end of this term. Every candidate successfully passed their exam, with many achieving Merits and Distinctions. A special mention goes to three pupils for their outstanding success at Grade 8: Ella in Year 13 on Trumpet, Toby in Year 12 on Flute (Distinction), and Ginevra in Year 11 on Voice (Distinction). Reaching this level requires exceptional hard work, skill, and dedication, and they should be incredibly proud of their achievements.



House Music

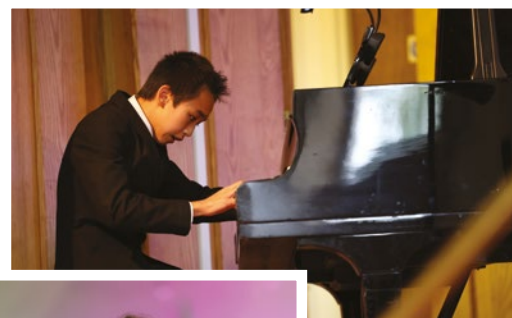
House Music is always a highlight of the first half of term, and this year was no exception. The pupils put in a tremendous effort, delivering an afternoon of entertaining and spirited music-making. The event began with outstanding performances from the six winners of the solo competition heats held earlier in the week. Following this, each house took turns presenting their ensemble performances, immediately followed by their House Songs, all performed with enthusiasm and a great sense of fun.

Among the many standout moments was Reuben (Year 12, Old House) vocal performance, which earned him the Solo Performance Trophy, as adjudicated by Mr. Daly, who coaches the school's music scholars' chamber ensembles. Nico (Year 13, Westlake) impressed the audience with a superb electric guitar solo, winning the Best Individual Contribution award. North Close claimed the House Ensemble Trophy with an impressive Year 11 vocal quartet and piano performance by Ella, Freya, Iris, and Ginevra.

The House Song Trophy was awarded to Old House for their lively rendition of "Build Me Up Buttercup." The performance featured a creative split of the house into two groups, with Will (Year 12) and Finn (Year 12) adding a playful touch as a dancing duo.

Ultimately, the overall winning house for their combined performances was Old House. Congratulations are due to their music captains, Reuben and Henry, for their dedication and hard work. A special thanks to the judging panel: Mr. Radley, Mrs. Cox, and Mr. Hart.

Well done to all the pupils for embracing the spirit of the event and putting on a thoroughly enjoyable show!



Westminster Abbey Evensong, Monday 15th July 2024

Choral Music has flourished at Blundell's over the past few years, with the pupils continually raising the bar to new heights. Last year, the choir enjoyed trips to Exeter Cathedral and Bath Abbey, recorded a Christmas album (due to be released later this year), and performed large-scale works such as Vivaldi's Gloria. However, the culmination and undoubted highlight of the year came in the summer after a brilliant tour to Italy, when we returned to England to perform Choral Evensong at Westminster Abbey, the first visiting choir of the summer to do so. After an afternoon of busy rehearsals, the building surrounding the choir stalls filled up with a congregation of over a thousand. It was an incredible experience for our pupils to sing in one of the world's most famous churches, and they did so with absolute conviction, concentration, and poise. It was a superb service, delivered with real quality and confidence throughout. The greatest endorsement came at the end of the service, when, after we had returned to the cloisters, the Dean of Westminster spoke to the pupils and invited Blundell's choir back to the Abbey. It was a proud day to be a Blundellian, and an occasion the pupils will remember for many years to come.

Rugby

This year the largest ever number of boys and girls getting involved with pre-season training allowed us to get off to a very positive start.

The U12's have had a very successful term with a large number of boys playing for the A's. As a year group it was exciting to see so many boys getting involved, they played some great rugby which resulted in them going undefeated right through until the final game of their season.

The U13's had a tough start, but it was great to see the boys work so hard in training and turn their season around with some noticeable wins towards the end, with the most memorable performance coming against Mount Kelly away.

Both the U14A's and the B's have noticeably improved since the start of the September, collectively they are much tighter as a group and their togetherness resulted in a number of good performances including a 36-31 win over Clifton

Our U15's have had a very busy season with the added games at St Joseph's festival where they got off to a great start with win over the hosts St Joseph's.

Despite missing a number of key players to injury they have had a very impressive season.

The U16's are another year group to punch well above their weight over the course of the season, with some impressive performances, most notably a hard fought 7-6 win over Cheltenham.

After a tough start to the season the 1st XV has got stronger as the season's gone on.

An impressive win over Kingswood set the boys up nicely for the trip to St Joseph's. For the second year in a row, the players gave a very good account of themselves with three wins out of six. Despite an early loss in the Cup, we had a good run of wins in the National Plate, making it through to the quarter final, but unfortunately that's where our run ended.



Hockey

This term we have had over 140 fixtures take place on the hockey field, so firstly a massive thank you to all the staff that enable all these fixtures & training sessions to take place and of course the grounds staff for doing a brilliant job on making the Astros available, particularly in some recent harsh weather.

The season started with a massively promising girls 1st pre-season trip to Cardiff. Playing some brilliant hockey after a long summer they set high standards going forwards into their season.

The first half of term saw some particularly challenging block fixtures vs. some large hockey schools including Cheltenham, Millfield and Marlborough and although we would have liked to be on the right side of the score line's I cannot commend the girls enough, across the board, for how they competed in all of these.

Over half term we had a group of Year 9-13 girls travel to Hamburg for their hockey tour which was a hugely valuable learning experience and brilliantly led by our Senior girls.

Within this we introduced a little more indoor hockey and for both U16 and U18 girls and boys. A special mention to the Boy's U18 who managed to reach the regional finals in their first time participating in this competition.

The second half of the season brought some more positive results within the blocks highlighting the value of some tough learning experiences earlier in the year.

Our U16s have had a brilliant run in their England Hockey Plate competition which will continue into the new year. Well, done to all the girls who have come together to compete in this.

Hockey has been brilliantly led by Emily who has set exceptional standards for any young player coming through and we wish her the best of luck as she heads to Brown university next year.

It has also been a brilliant term for many of our pupils across the year groups representing at Talent Academy. Congratulations to all involved in this.

Primary Netball Festival

This year, 37 Year 11 pupils successfully passed their Sports Leaders Level 2 qualification, under the guidance of Mr. Hope and Miss Harris. The instructors reported that the pupils worked diligently throughout the year, planning and organizing a wide range of events with local primary schools. The pupils assisted with numerous primary school visits alongside Mr. Olive, teaching a variety of sports during these sessions.

Their final event of the year was supporting the annual primary school netball festival hosted at Blundell's. During the festival, all local primary schools received training sessions led by the Sports Leaders, who then officiated the tournament. The pupils performed exceptionally well at every event they organized, demonstrating a positive attitude and kindness toward the younger pupils, which brought pride to the school.

In addition to their practical responsibilities, the pupils completed theoretical coursework to an excellent standard. Assessors consistently praised the work submitted by Blundell's Sports Leaders, and this cohort was no exception. Congratulations to the pupils on this achievement!

Rose had been competing at the Winter National Swimming Championships, Ponds Forge, Sheffield. Rose swam exceptionally well with 2 personal bests in the 50mtr breaststroke and the 100mtr Individual Medley. Rose also won her heats.

She will then be representing Tiverton Swimming Club in the final Premier League gala, followed by Plymouth Xmas meet on Sunday where she's swimming the 100 butterfly, 100 backstroke and 50 freestyle.



Swimming

Madrid Football Tour



Our football tour to Madrid was an unforgettable experience, filled with incredible moments both on and off the pitch. One of the highlights of the trip was a remarkable day where the team faced an international academy side, testing their skills against the fast-paced tiki-taka style of play. Later, they had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to train for three hours at the world-class Real Madrid facilities, led by a Real Madrid academy coach, all under the perfect 25-degree sunshine.

The tour also featured a thrilling match against CD Alameda, where the team demonstrated resilience and determination. Despite falling 4-0 behind early on, they staged a brilliant comeback, narrowly losing 5-4. Special recognition goes to Rory for an impressive hat-trick and Morgan for another superb goal.

Beyond the football, the trip provided a fantastic opportunity for the team to bond, immerse themselves in Spanish football culture, and grow as players. It was truly a trip to remember for everyone involved!

Full Colours

Congratulations to Alistair(left), Aurthur, and Harry(right)on being awarded Full Colours for Rugby.



Full Colours

Congratulations to Emily and Lucy on being awarded Full Colours for Hockey. Congratulations to YQ(left) on being awarded Full Colours for Basketball.





Blundell's pupils experienced an unforgettable Field Day. Year 7 explored the wonders of Plymouth Aquarium, while Year 8 braved challenging activities on Dartmoor. Year 9 took on an Apprentice-style fundraiser under the guidance of Mrs. Robinson, immersing themselves in an entrepreneurial challenge.

Year 10's Royal Marine Cadets excelled in field training, with commendable efforts from Michaela and Alastair. Other Year 10 pupils tackled obstacle courses and honed their bushcraft skills. Meanwhile, Year 11 and Year 12 focused on teamwork and contributed to community service projects.

The Ten Tors teams also braved Dartmoor's unpredictable weather, showing remarkable resilience. A huge thanks goes to all our dedicated staff!



A.V. Hill Maths and Science Dinner



The A.V. Hill Science and Maths Dinner is held annually in celebration of a notorious Old Blundellian named Archibald Hill. Hill won the Nobel Prize in 1922 for his work in Science, and always spoke very fondly of his days in both the Maths and Science blocks as a Sixth Form pupil at Blundell's.

The dinner is for Blundellians who are completing an A-level in Maths or Science, and usually involves a speech by a more recent Old Blundellian. This year we heard from Millie Davis who is currently completing a PhD in Stem Cell Research at the University of Exeter. Her research is both interesting and inspiring for our current budding scientists/mathematicians. The speeches were interspersed with problem solving exercises, experimental (and potable) potions designed by our kitchen team, and a few bangs to go along with the excitement.

A brilliant evening that left the Year 12 pupils inspired for next year. Thank you to all who helped run the evening, and to Millie for sharing her brilliant work.



Rugby School Challenge 2024

The shooting team had their first outing of the year at Honesberie Shooting Ground, featuring a fresh line up of Wilf, Joe, Boris, and Sam. Despite no prior training and facing tough competition from schools like Radley, Harrow, and Millfield, the team performed admirably in challenging weather conditions, battling wind and rain (despite the sunny skies in Tiverton!). Blundell's finished in 11th place which is not quite the 2nd place we achieved last year, for a team of inexperienced shots it was a solid starting point. Congratulations to Joe, who top-scored with 37 out of 50 in his first competition, and a big well done to Boris and Sam, both competing for the first time, with Sam impressively representing in Year 9!



Millfield Invitational

The Shooting team travelled to Mendip shooting ground for the Millfield Invitational shooting competition on Thursday. Despite very little training, the team performed brilliantly against 25 other top schools and teams on a very well set course. The team shot really well to score 155 out of 200 possible targets and they came 4th overall, which is an excellent achievement for a relatively junior team. Boris top scored on 43, ably assisted by Toby and Dan on 37 and 41 respectively, and a huge well done to Bella who shot brilliantly for the A team in only Year 10, scoring 34 whilst shooting with a 20 gauge, which is far more challenging. Tom also shot well as an individual, scoring 38 having not shot clays for a long time. All in all a productive and fun day out.



Mid-Autumn Festival

This week we celebrated the Mid-Autumn festival where Asian countries make moon cakes and light lanterns to represent the end of the harvest festival. We began with Mrs Yang's delicious dumpling workshop in Francis House followed by a special lunch for all to enjoy from the wonderful dining hall team, complete with music and festive decorations. Well done to Enoch for designing the fantastic visuals once again.

We look forward to more Lunar new year celebrations to come.



Year 12 Murder Mystery Evening

The Year 12 pupils enjoyed a wonderful Black-Tie dinner, with Murder Mystery entertainment. With the theme "A murder the evening before the Titanic set sail", pupils enjoyed a Titanic themed menu, with various suspects introducing themselves before the murder took place. As the plot thickened, pupils interrogated the main suspects, after finding a body by the music block! It was a great opportunity for the new Sixth Formers to socialise and get to know one another at the start of term!



Witheridge C of E Academy Enjoys Activity Day at Blundell's

On 26th September, Year 5 and 6 pupils from Witheridge Primary School enjoyed an action-packed Activity Day at Blundell's. Year 6 pupils were excited to return, while Year 5 experienced their first visit. The day, which coincided with the European Day of Languages, began in the Modern Languages Department where pupils learned French, German, and Spanish through fun activities led by Year 13 pupils.

A European-themed lunch followed, with dishes like Coq au Vin, Carbonara, and Paella. In the afternoon, the pupils had the opportunity to enjoy a few games of, with Year 10 Sports Leaders teaching them skills and drills. The day ended with a final snack, leaving the pupils eager for their next visit.



Blundell's Welcomes Two Moors Primary School

On the 7th of November, Blundell's was delighted to host over 50 pupils from Two Moors Primary School for a full day of engaging activities focused on health and well-being.

The morning began with interactive sessions, including a hands-on lesson on balanced diets led by Executive Chef Ankur. Pupils explored new foods, spices, and pulses, while also participating in mindful colouring and thoughtful discussions facilitated by the PSHE team.

After lunch, the pupils toured one of the girls' boarding houses, sparking lively questions about life at Blundell's. The afternoon featured touch rugby practice led by Year 10 Sports Leaders, concluding the day with well-deserved doughnuts.

The visit was a fantastic opportunity for learning, exploration, and fun, leaving pupils with wonderful memories of their time at Blundell's.

Wilcombe Primary Year 5s Enjoy a Day at Blundell's

On October 4th, Blundell's hosted Wilcombe Primary's enthusiastic Year 5 pupils for a fun-filled day. They began with hands-on Physics experiments, exploring acceleration and air resistance, with one car losing a wheel in the process! After a tasty lunch, the group toured a girls' boarding house, excited by the idea of sharing dorms with friends. The day wrapped up with lively netball games in the sunshine, led by Blundell's sports leaders. We look forward to welcoming them again soon!



In November, we gathered as a community at Blundell's to honour and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Our Remembrance Service was a deeply moving occasion, made all the more poignant by the outstanding contribution of our Combined Cadet Force (CCF), whose solemn parade and presence were a testament to their dedication and respect for this significant day.

We are also incredibly grateful to our guest preacher, the Right Reverend Graham James, Bishop Emeritus of Norwich, for his thought-provoking and heartfelt sermon. His words resonated with all of us, reminding us of the true meaning of remembrance and the sacrifices made by so many.

It was wonderful to see so many members of the Blundell's community, past and present, gathered to reflect and honour the fallen. Lest we forget.

Breakfast on the Go Charity Event Success

Four pupils, Alex, Tom, Rory, and Harry, showed their dedication and team spirit during the recent Breakfast on the Go charity event. Their efforts helped raise funds for a great cause and reflected the school's commitment to community service.

Special thanks go to Mr Yapp for organising the group and providing transport to the event. His support was invaluable in making the morning a success.



Harvest Festival CHAT



To mark Harvest Festival this year pupils delivered a chapel service drawing attention to the different seasons in our lives and the importance of giving in times of plenty. This was coupled with a home clothes day and a collection for CHAT, a local charity helping to keep people out of homelessness. CHAT were very grateful for the donations generated by this occasion.



CHAT Fareshare at Tesco

Four groups of Blundell's pupils volunteered their time to help encourage shoppers at Tesco to collect additional items for the food bank at CHAT. They worked tirelessly to explain to shoppers what they were collecting for and what would be useful for this initiative.



Oceans Apart Feet Together

Oceans Apart Feet Together is a joint challenge to cover the enormous distance of 13,699km from Blundell's to Bhambayi, where the ReStory Foundation is based. Together Blundell's and the ReStory children have run 14,783km.

Many thanks to Mandy Pearson (the founder of ReStory), who came in person to set up this challenge in October and gave her time to explain to many groups of pupils what they did and their philosophy about meaningful charitable giving and volunteering for sustainable outcomes.

We have raised £3,817 through sponsorship. This money will go towards funding some of the 300 ReStory children with food, education and also help give them the counselling and mental health support they require after the traumas they have experienced. It will also be spent on new computers for the local school who share 24 outdated computers between 1500 children.

Thanks to all who participated and supported.



Charity Hockey Fancy Dress

The rare occasion to have no block hockey fixture on Saturday 16th November gave opportunity for a fun fancy dress hockey tournament to raise funds for a new zip wire for Tiverton Adventure playground. The winners were the Pink Farm Animals and the prize for best fancy dress went to the Smurfs.



Update from the Director of Development

As we approach the end of term, I'd like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas from everyone here at Blundell's. The recent Blundell's Community Snow Ball was a fantastic success—thank you to everyone who made it so special! The school community has been at the heart of our efforts this year, the Development Office and OB Club have hosted an incredible 33 events, and thanks to the generosity of our community, we've been able to support 76 bursary placements. I'm also delighted to introduce EJ as the newest member of our team, stepping into the role of Events Coordinator. She takes over from Katie, who has welcomed a beautiful baby boy—our warmest congratulations to her! There is so much to celebrate as Blundell's looks ahead to 2025 with great confidence.

Tom Cowle
(W 1991-96)

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

(Pic: Janet Wooff, OB Club Sec, and Tom Cowle)

Blundell's Community Touch Rugby Tournament

A huge thank you to all the Old Blundellians who came back to play – your energy and enthusiasm made the event unforgettable. We were especially thrilled to see ladies' teams in action, with all four teams representing the Blundell's community. A special shoutout to Scrub Daddy, The Butterleigh Inn and St Austell Brewery – local businesses connected to our community who generously supported our event.



NZ Catch Up

New Zealand Old Blundellian catch up on 24th October 2024 at the InterContinental Hotel, Wellington CBD

We were delighted that OB **Guy Dobson (OH 1965-69)** organised an NZOB gathering.

"The consensus was to make this an annual event with the next one taking place in Auckland 2025. All in all – loads of fun – all agreed Blundell's had changed from times of respective tenures!!! Thanks for the image which was well displayed – the waitress was asked to translate motto – she admitted not doing Latin at school in NZ!!"

Attendees were:

Vanessa Coultas – (GH 1984-86)

Nigel Seidelin – (W 1969-73)

Tim Butcher – (P 1960-64)

Peter Dixon – (OH 1970-74)

Guy Dobson – (OH 1965-69)

If you would like to join in the NZ catch up next year, please contact devoffice@blundells.org. We are also going to help our overseas OB's organise other catch ups in 2025, if you would like help or join one, please do let us know.

1974 1st XV Rugby Reunion



What a fantastic day we had on Saturday 14th September, celebrating the 50th reunion of the 1974 1st XV Rugby Team. The sun was shining as we welcomed back the players, enjoyed a delicious lunch, and shared in the excitement with parents cheering on Blundell's 1st XV in their match against Millfield. A big thank you to **Rob Cole (OH 1970-75)** for all his support and for awarding a special Man of the Match trophy.

Westminster Abbey

In July our Chamber Choir was invited to sing Evensong at Westminster Abbey. The OB's that attended said it was a truly memorable experience. A special reception was held afterwards in the Cloisters and was kindly hosted by **David Stanton, Sub-Dean and Canon Treasurer (W 1974-79)**. We are so proud of our talented singers for this incredible achievement and hope the OB's that attended had a brilliant evening.

Schools' Veterans shooting match at Bisley, 18th July 2024



FH Reunion

We had a great evening on Friday 4th October with Old Franciscans mixing with current Franciscans at our mini reunion. Memories flowed, laughter echoes, and we're already dreaming up an even bigger reunion next year. It was a fabulous evening enjoyed by all.



First time a lady Magpie had ever shot for the Blundell's Veterans at Bisley.

It so happened that this day was also the 100th anniversary of the formal setting up of the Blundell's Veterans' Rifle Club (at Blundell's) in 1924, and we were fortunate that two things helped to mark our centenary in a special way. Firstly, **Alex Brook (GH 1981-83)** was the first lady ever to represent the Magpies at Bisley – and is looking forward to continuing her open range career. Secondly, our senior Magpie, **Hugo Brooke (NC 1949-54)**, broke his own record of sporting longevity by becoming the oldest FP ever to shoot for the school at 87 years 11 months - this being 73 years after his first appearance in the Cadet Pair in 1951.

Join us for the Somerset CCC 2025 season!

OBs, Blundellians and current parents can enjoy exclusive access to the Ted Crowe Room at Somerset CCC, offering great hospitality and prime views. Annual membership is £40 (£5 for Young OBs). Email Membership Sec, Grant Dee Shapland to join; gdeeshapland@gmail.com



Reichwald Fives Trophy

The weather was perfect for this year's Reichwald Tournament, a welcome change from last year's use of the squash courts. Players gathered at the Beale Centre for a light lunch, thanks to **Janet Wooff (GH 1980-82)**. Organizers **Alexandra Steel (GH 1998-05)**, Richard Moore (staff), Wayne Enstone (Well Wisher), and Chris Headley-Dent (former staff and parent) set up two Pools of four pairs, each playing a single game to 15 points. The top two pairs from each group advanced to contest the Reichwald Trophy, while the others played for the Plate Trophy. In the end, Jemima and Keith Kennerly narrowly defeated Lucy and Dwight Murdock for the Reichwald Trophy, and Stan and Wayne Enstone won the Plate Trophy after a tie in games won. After a thrilling two-and-a-half-hour event, players enjoyed refreshments, and the Head, Bart Wielenga, presented the trophies. The event was another success, with competitors embodying the spirit of Reichwald, and all abilities are encouraged to join next year. By Wayne Enstone

1970s & 1980s Reunion

We had an incredible evening we had on Friday 27th September for our 1970s and 1980s reunion. With a full house, memories were shared, and some classic photos were even re-enacted. It was a brilliant night, and we look forward to seeing lots of you back at Blundell's in the near future, it's been too long!



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Alan Beard

Well-known and highly respected construction industry leader Alan Beard died peacefully at home, aged 91.

Alan worked for seven decades at the family firm Beard Construction, joining in January 1950, aged 17, when the South West company was led by his father, Geoffrey. He became Beard's managing director in 1971, then the third-generation family member at the helm of the business. He steered the company through many economic and political challenges, whilst at the same time helping grow company turnover to £200m.

Alan retired in 2021, aged 88. His impressive lifelong commitment to the company is a family trait; his grandfather and company founder, Edward William Beard, working to 103.



After a request from OB Trevor Henderson (FH 2003-06) the school held a service to celebrate the life of Yan Yates on Saturday 16th November.

Yan touched the life of many Blundellians through his deep commitment to our pupils and their wider education through Outdoor Pursuits. He was the CCF contingent commander, coached and trained many for the gruelling Devizes to Westminster canoe marathon, and started a highly successful diving club. He embedded the culture of CCF and outdoor pursuits in many Blundellians over the years he was here, taking them on diving trips abroad, CCF camps to Germany and accompanying ski trips to Europe. While he would not have described himself as a teacher, he was an educator in the truest sense, leaving his values and influence on those fortunate enough to have met him. He was dedicated to the pupils and gave so much of himself and his time to their development and welfare. He became a true friend to many.

His memorial service was attended by a wide range of OBs, parents of OBs, and colleagues, all drawn from different spheres of Blundell's life. This showed the breadth of his influence on the school. It was also telling that several were serving members of the armed forces. It seemed fitting that this was the case.

To see the service, please click on this link: <https://bit.ly/49rTZ7r>

Vincent Duggleby (SH 1952-57)

The following words were provided by John Goman (SH 1954-59) He was to be in his adult life a multi-varied and talented broadcaster covering many fields of reporting from sports, election programmes and, of course the originator of Moneybox on BBC Radio 4, which we listen to every week. I can't think of another broadcaster who covered so many aspects of programming. He had a good voice for such that was authoritative but not overbearing and his diction was first class.

Mike Daniels (P 1945-50)

When Mike was 13, he won a scholarship to Blundell's. Mike thoroughly enjoyed his time boarding at Blundell's (P 1945-50), before heading off to Cambridge University to study mechanical engineering. After graduation, he joined the navy to do his national service. It was during that time that he met Maggie Elford. They were married in October 1958 in Plymouth. Mike then went on to work for Ind Coop before joining IBM. Mike and Maggie had two children, Sarah and Jane. Mike was overjoyed when both his daughter Jane and his two grandchildren Thomas and Eleanor went to Blundell's.

On retiring Mike and Maggie moved to Plymouth and spent their retirement sailing and socialising. Mike became involved with the OB club and served as chairman for two years retiring from the Committee in 2012. He played an important role in the design and building of the club's headquarters at the school, later named the Beale Centre. Obituary came from Mike's daughter, Jane Palmer (GH 1979-81)

Mark Portsmouth (FH 1970-76)

Members will be sad to hear that Mark Portsmouth passed away recently in Morriston Hospital in Mumbles, Swansea. He had been ill for some time with cancer. Mark was an enormous character and the most amusing man that most of us ever met.

He was an extremely well-known figure in cricket and golf circles in South Wales, with a wide circle of friends there and throughout the UK and internationally. Mark was very recently awarded the British Empire Medal for services to sport in South Wales.

He was an enormously popular figure during his time at Blundell's School and then as an Old Blundellian. He played for many years for the Old Blundellian Cricket Club, later serving as a Trustee.

A minute's silence was held in his memory at the recent lunch held in the box marking the 45th anniversary of the Gillette cup win for SCCC.

Words from the Old Blundellian Cricket Club



Death Notifications

07.05.24	Charteris, Henry	TH 1983-88
07.06.24	Duggleby, Vincent	SH 1952-57
15.06.24	Lloyd, Edward 'Miles' Fitzroy	SH 1958-63
27.06.24	Howgill, David	OH 1983-88
12.07.24	Thorn, Roger	M 1951-54
21.07.24	Moberly, John Martin Dorward	OH 1956-61
29.07.24	Oerton, Michael Thomas	FH 1957-61
11.08.24	Beard, Edward 'Alan'	SH 1946-49
21.08.24	Blackler, Simon Julian	OH 1971-75
21.08.24	Daniels, John Michael ('Mike')	P 1945-50
10.09.24	Portsmouth, Mark William Spencer	FH 1970-76
14.09.24	Webb, Graham Michael	W 1950-54
15.09.24	Taylor, Arthur 'John'	W 1955-60
22.09.24	Higgins, Peter Dennis	M 1947-51
23.09.24	Potter, John Hartnell	OH 1950-54
30.09.24	Harvey, Francis 'David'	SH 1950-56
19.10.24	Albrecht, Martin Card Royston	NC 1959-63
25.10.24	Handover, Richard	OH 1960-63
01.11.24	Scholfield, Richard Francis (his brother Nicholas died 05-01-24)	SH 1958-63



Our rugby teams had the privilege of being joined for pre-season training by England U20 and Exeter Chiefs player, Ben Coen (FH 2018-23). Ben worked with the squads, leading a kicking session and engaging in a Q&A where he answered numerous questions. It was an excellent day for the boys, offering valuable insights and inspiration. See more here: <https://vimeo.com/1035648968/437cb65131>

Canon David Stanton (W 1974-79)



David (W 1974-79), married to Sarah, has two daughters, Charlotte (born 1991) and Olivia (born 1996), both living in London. After being treated for cancer at Guy's Hospital in 2024, he is now cancer-free and recovering well. David grew up in Devon and Guernsey, attended Exeter Cathedral Prep School, Blundell's, and St Andrews University, where he earned a Half Blue in cricket. He later pursued post-graduate studies at Oxford and Exeter. Ordained in 1985, David is a Church of England traditionalist with a strong passion for sport, history, and adventure, having once test-driven a TR7 sports car around Blundell's School.

David's career includes roles as a curate at Beckenham Parish, chaplain at Shrewsbury School, and rector in Devon. He was also a residentiary canon at Worcester Cathedral before being appointed Sub-Dean and Canon Treasurer at Westminster Abbey by Queen Elizabeth II in 2013, overseeing financial affairs and buildings. He played a key role in the late Queen's funeral and King Charles III's Coronation. David has served on numerous prestigious committees, including the Church Commissioner for England, the Wales Audit Office, and the Prime Minister's Senior Salaries Review Body. He is currently renovating a Georgian manor house in Herefordshire with Sarah, where they plan to retire.



Nan (known as Daisy) Deng (GH 2005-07)

"I went to Imperial College London to study Computing after I left Blundell's School, then I completed my undergraduate studies in Mathematics at the University of Bristol and pursued a master's degree in children's Book Illustration at Cambridge School of Art. I have worked as an art editor and illustrator for three years at the 21st Century Publishing Group in Beijing, China. Then, I moved to Dalian and worked as a professional illustrator, and I have published a picture book titled "Daisy's New Friend" and held a solo illustration exhibition called "Summer Blossom." Currently, I moved to Hong Kong, and I am transitioning from illustration to focus on research and practice in fine art painting, hoping to become a sincere art creator."



Congratulations to Kate Wheatley (GH 1987-89) who competed for GB the Age Group World Triathlon Finals in Spain over October half term and came 35th out of 69, qualifying for the world championships! An amazing achievement.

Births



We would like to congratulate our colleague and OB on the birth of her beautiful second boy. Lukas and Katie (NC 2003-10) Kogler welcomed Oliver Sebastian Kogler on 21st November. Noah is also now a very proud big brother.

January

Tues 7th	18:00	School House Parents Dinner Party	Prep	Social
Wed 8th	12:30	"OB Winter Lunch: Guest Speaker: Rachel Hazell (GH 1987-89) 'Bookbinding in Antarctica and other stories: Adventures in paper and ink'. Purchase your tickets here: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/DZMC . Contact: OB Club.	Beale Centre	Social
Tues 21st	18:00	School House Parents Dinner Party	Beale Centre	Social

February

Tues 4th	18:00	School House Parents Dinner Party	Beale Centre	Social
Wed 12th	12:30	Winter Lunch, Kate Hodges, nee Hunt (GH 1985-87). Topic: "Stories from a Career in Chinese Art: from a chance encounter with the Dalai Lama to priceless Ming vases, fakes and the occasional life-changing discovery". Contact: OB Club.		Social
Wed 12th	19:00	Spring Concert: 'The Seasons'	Big School	Music

March

Sat 1st		The Young Chef Showcase Dinner, Big School, Contact: The Development Office for more details.		Social
Sat 8th	14:00	The Russell. Contact: The Development Office.		Sport
Wed 12th		Winter Lunch, Wed Jaye Cowle, nee Buchanan (GH 1994-96). Topic: TBC. Contact: OB Club.		Social
Fri 14th		Sir Francis Popham Society Dinner. Contact: The Development Office.	The Beale Centre	
Fri 14th– Sat 22nd		OB Sport weekends, including girls' and boys' hockey, football, fives, netball, Rifle target shooting (tbc) and Touch Rugby. Contact: OB Club		
Sat 22nd	09:00	Guest Morning for parents of Year 5 Blundell's Prep families	Big School	Academic
25th & 26th	19:30	Les Misérables	Ondaatje Hall	Social

16th May, London Drinks.

Contact: The Development Office



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