



Blundell's



Diary

AUTUMN 2023

The Diary



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There is always so much to enjoy in the Autumn Term. Starting in summer sunshine, we close the term in the overcast gloom, but with plenty of Christmas lights to bring us cheer. Today is the last day of the term and we have just had the traditional Christmas Races in light rain followed by interhouse tug-of-war in ankle deep mud. Following on from last nights' Gut and the wonderful Carol Service in the Cathedral, it has been a very good way to end the term.

I have been talking to the school about learning to savour good moments. In our modern world everything seems so fleeting and instantaneous that we are losing our ability to fully appreciate the good things in our lives. Instinctively we are beginning to think of the next thing, the next hit of satisfaction or the next shot of adrenaline. Reminding ourselves to savour is to allow the good feelings, the pleasure of the moment to linger a little bit longer. We can eke out more goodness from the good things we enjoy.

This edition of the Diary is an aid to savouring. In these pages you will see pictures that capture special moments, and they allow us to revisit them, whether that is returning to Ondaatje Theatre to capture the sense of anticipation and apprehension, or finding yourself on the pitch side, cheering on the 1st XV on their way to another National Cup semi-final. In these pages we relive those moments and I encourage you also to pay attention to those things less high profile, but nonetheless hugely impressive. Whether that is the individual successes of Freya in her poetry competition, or Ginevra in the Two Moors Festival, there are so many things to take pride in.

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What also stands out in these pages is the sheer breadth and depth of activities at Blundell's. These things don't just happen and take many hours of dedication and hard work from pupils, staff, and often from parents too. We are immensely fortunate to be part of a school where teachers care deeply and are so committed to the success of our pupils. Of course, success is often not easy to measure and there is no metric for flourishing, and that is okay, because we don't pretend or intend to measure all that Blundell's represents. The stories told in the images throughout the Diary tell what numbers and other metrics can't.

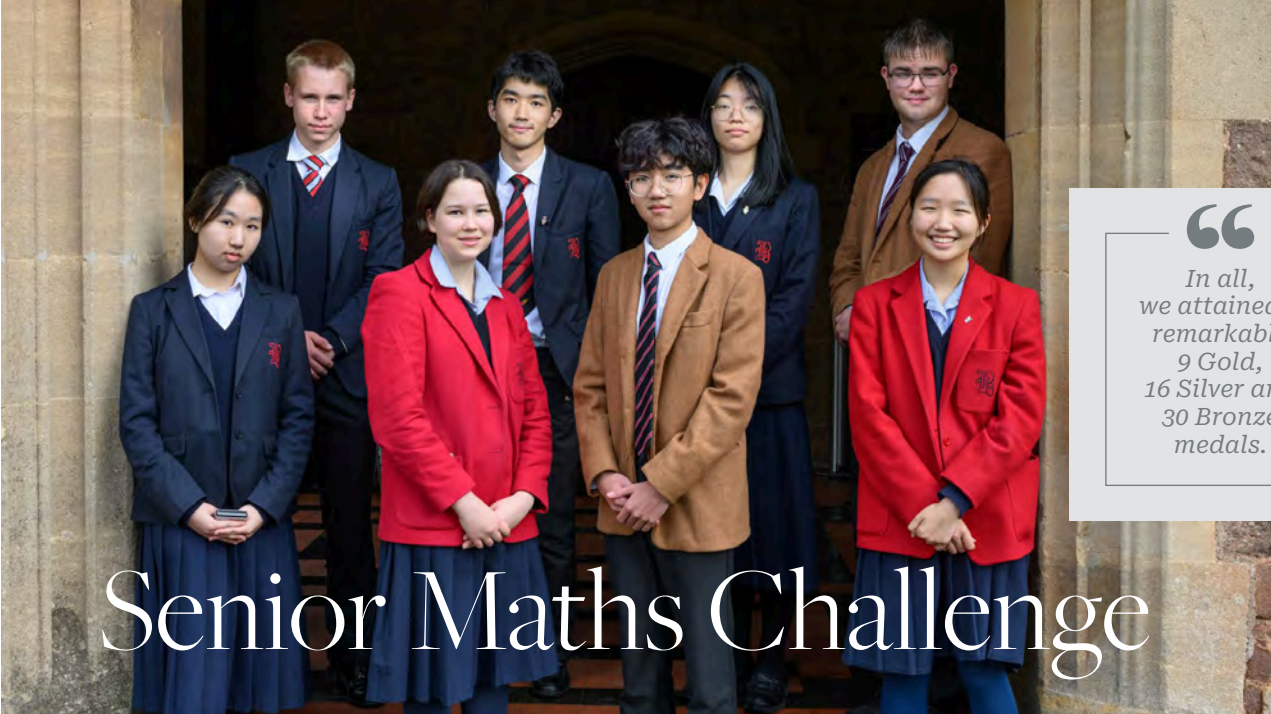
And that is how it ought to be.

I wish all members of the extended Blundell's family a blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year.

BART WIELENGA

Olympiads

We are delighted for the girl's recent success in the Mathematical Olympiad for Girls. The Olympiad is aimed at challenging girls from Years 11-13 and was taken by nearly 4000 of the top maths students around the world. We had a very successful turn out of results with all students attaining either a merit or distinction. A big congratulations to Freya for getting into the top 100 of the 4000 who took it and Anastasiia for also comfortably attaining a high distinction and yet only being in Year 10. The other students who took on the Olympiad were, Daisy, Vera, Eunseo, and Elsie. All of whom attained merits, which for their first maths Olympiad, is a fantastic result and they be very proud of their success.



Senior Maths Challenge

We are delighted to congratulate students on their successes in the most recent Senior Maths Challenge. We had the biggest uptake ever for this year's maths challenge, a total of 98 students. A very special congratulations to Ed (in Year 11),

for getting the best in school and attaining full marks. A well done to Mengyan, Anastasiia and Jasmine, for getting the highest in their respective year groups and especially to

Ed and Megyan for both qualifying for the BMO1. In addition, congratulations to Freya, Artem, Eunseo, Jeremy and Dario for all also attaining a prestigious Gold award.

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In all, we attained a remarkable 9 Gold, 16 Silver and 30 Bronze medals.”



Full Colours

Congratulations to Freya and Mengyan who have been awarded Full Academic Colours.

Phoenix Society Trip...

to the National History Museum



Phoenix Society members had a fabulous time in Oxford, exploring the treasures of the Ashmolean Museum. This was followed by a fascinating tour of the BMW Mini Factory, where students examined a production life cycle of a Mini. They were particularly impressed by the agility of the robots in each cell!



Years 9 & 13



BLACKMORE CHESNEY DINNER

In September, the humanities faculty enjoyed an evening of dinner, magical entertainment and a stimulating lecture from leading linguist and educational advisor at EMC (English and Media Centre, London) Mr Dan Clayton. This year, students and staff alike were entertained by a local illusionist, Graham Prigg, before settling down to a delicious dinner prepared and served by our fabulous catering team, who never fail to impress. Dan Clayton spoke about the importance of language in forming identities- focusing on how diversity and change is ever-present and necessary to progression. Apologies to those of us who still take pride in knowing when to say 'Can I,' or 'May I.' In a world that is ever-evolving in terms of the words we use and how our society attaches meaning to them, the current relevance of the subject of English Language was firmly reiterated by our speaker. I'll leave you with this thought on recent neologisms: if a bothie is a two-person selfie; abdicate means to lose hope of ever reaching that six-pack goal, what on earth is a balderdash?

Classics

A small group of Year 13 Classicists were delighted by the incredible performance of Purcell's English Opera "Dido and Aeneas" in the atmospheric setting of St. Andrew's Church, Wiveliscombe as part of the Two Moors Festival. They were lucky enough to meet some of the performers and the musical director beforehand and were able to ask questions about their interpretation of the tragic love story; Virgil's version of which the students had been studying as part of their A Level. The performance itself was a real treat, musically, but also from the point of view of characterisation.

Year 9 Trip to the Roman Baths, Bath.

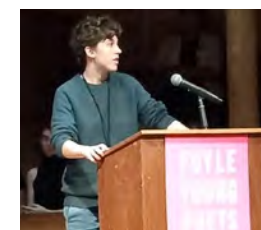
Mrs Cox, Miss Griffiths and Mr Bunce took 33 Year 9 Classical Civilisation and Latin students on the annual department trip to the Roman Baths in Bath. The day started with an excellent workshop in the new Clore Learning Centre looking at the question of whether Aquae Sulis (Bath) was just an ordinary Roman town. The session involved the study of a range of literary sources and evidence including Roman artefacts providing insight into the various aspects of Roman Bath covering 'town life' and 'bathing'. It was brilliant to see the positive and interested participation of the students. The group then moved into the museum and Roman Baths taking themselves on a self-guided tour of the site making good use of the highly informative audio guides. The impressive Great Bath is always striking to see but students were also fascinated by the temple pediment, the bronze head of Minerva, and the underfloor heating system.

Foyle



Young Poets Competition

Congratulations to Freya in Year 13 who has won the prestigious Foyle Young Poet of the Year award for her work, which is called 'rugby poem'. There are 15 winners and 85 commended poets for 2023, with over 15,800 entries this year. Freya took part in an awards ceremony in London, reading her poem in front of judges and a packed theatre.



Freya received various prizes (books, 'goody bags', publication in the anthology, a year's youth membership of The Poetry Society) and a place on an Arvon centre writing course with the other winners. Freya will also receive ongoing mentorship from The Poetry Society, including publication, performance, and the opportunity to apply to their internship programme.

DAY OF LANGUAGES

There were plenty of activities for students to get involved in including trying international foods, country stands where international students with a different heritage presented their culture as well as quizzes and games. Students were also invited to vote for the teacher who tried their best at using a different language.



The whole of the Blundellian community celebrated the Day of Languages.



FORMAL DINNER

Year 12



Physics Hinkley Point trip

In September, 29 pupils from Years 10-13 travelled to the Hinkley Point C site in Somerset to learn more about the construction of two new nuclear reactors there; the first in a new generation of nuclear power stations in Britain providing zero-carbon electricity for around six million homes.

The students were first received at Cannington Court, some 15 minutes from the site, where they listened to a presentation given by Dr James Mansfield explaining how nuclear fission reactors work and what design features make Hinkley Point C unique. They also had an opportunity to look around the exhibitions in the visitor centre before boarding a coach to look around the site itself. Although photographs couldn't be taken of the site itself, the students were bowled over by the sheer scale of the project, as well as the huge logistical exercise of housing, looking after and getting to site the 10,000 workers who enter and leave the site every day. Having seen the world's largest crane up close, many have been left with a taste for engineering in the future. It was great to see a project, which may well end up providing employment for some of our students for years to come.



ASTRO PI CHALLENGE

In the last academic year, Freya, Jasper and Pierre-Louis took up The Astro Pi Challenge which is a competition run by the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Raspberry Pi Foundation in Europe.

This challenge encourages young people to design an experiment that can be carried out on the International Space Station using an enhanced Raspberry Pi microcomputer called the Astro Pi.

In the first stage they came up with a detailed plan, accepted by the ESA and sent to the International Space Station to take photos of the clouds. The final challenge was a written final report, with the deadline just after exam week in the summer term. The ESA accepted their final report over the summer and the students have been provided with the certificate to prove their tremendous amount of work and outstanding achievement.



Cambridge Chemistry Challenge

During the summer term, our Lower 6th Chemists were given the opportunity to take part in the Lower Sixth Cambridge Chemistry Challenge.

This competition, like the Olympiad, stretches and challenges students far beyond the A-Level syllabus and provides an excellent experience for anyone considering taking their studies further.

A big congratulations to Ed and Mengyan who achieved Gold. For context, this competition is only taken by the very best chemists in the country and only 20% of entrants receive Silver, 10% achieved a Gold and 0.6% achieved a Roentgenium award – Ed was 3 marks away!



1 YEAR 12 INTERIM PROJECT

to kick-start the A Level Fine Art Course. Year 12 students in Photography and Fine Art were challenged to a swift 4 week project to immerse themselves in focused visual communication and better understand the assessment demands of A Level. Media included paint, print, fake fur, wire and digital images and the results displayed in Ondaatje Theatre foyer.



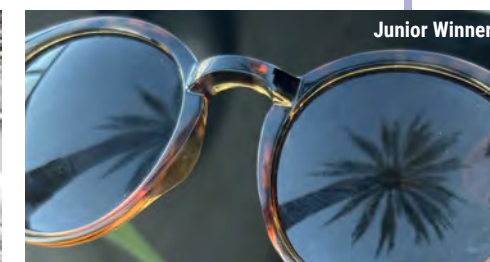
OB MADDIE WRIGHT

joined us to experience teaching from the other side of the desk this term. A top Art student at GCSE and A Level and now a graduate with a 1st Class degree in Illustration from UAL in London, Maddie brought her valuable experiences to our current students. Working with A Level Fine Art classes and taking junior Art Clubs, Maddie was a popular addition to the team and was bursting with ideas and advice.



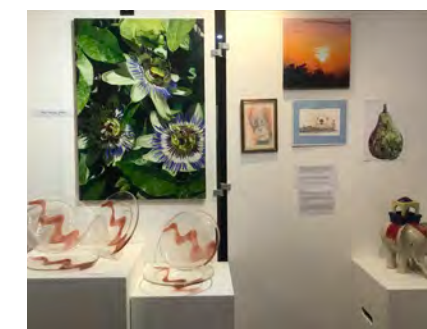
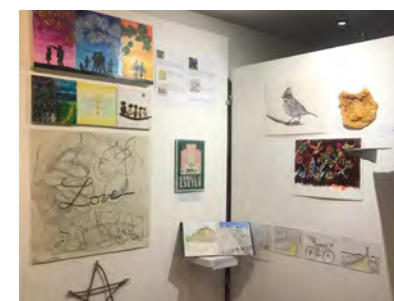
2 THE ANNUAL TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

drew a large field of entries this year and was a clear indication that the world is indeed a small place for Blundellians, who had travelled far and wide over the summer break. The junior winner was Daisy with her image of palm trees in sunglasses and the senior student winner was Isabella who showed us a striking image of zebra. The staff also took part and the winner in the staff category was Catherine Flavelle who captured reflection and colour in her image of an exotic waterfront.



4 2023 STAFF ART EXHIBITION

All staff were invited to exhibit their own Artwork at the 2023 Staff Art Exhibition in Ondaatje Theatre Foyer. The work was diverse and clearly personal. It was reassuring to see that Art still allowed teachers and support staff to find a way to balance their work and home life. Creativity is certainly alive and kicking in the school staff body. Comments from students and visitors bore testimony to how interesting it was to see teachers express themselves beyond their subject area whether that be languages or the sciences.





Ocean at the End of the Lane

Years 11 & 13 Drama students visited Hall for Cornwall in Truro to watch The National Theatre's touring production of Ocean at the End of the Lane, which they'll be writing about in their end of years exams.

Frankenstein

Our English and Drama A-Level students went to the Northcott theatre in Exeter to watch Tilted Wig's production of Frankenstein. This was an incredible adaption with a female Dr Frankenstein.



Tilikum at The Space

Year 12 Drama students visited The Space (Somerset Performing Arts Centre for Education) to watch a performance of Tilikum, a verbatim and physical theatre performance based on the real-life documentary on the SeaWorld Orca. They had a Q&A afterwards with the directors and performers to discuss their ideas and processes.



Dracula

Bram Stoker's classic gothic horror story needs no introduction.

We always try to find plays or musicals with large casts so that as many pupils as possible can be involved. This is not always an easy task and does mean that

often more intimate pieces are often overlooked. I felt that this year's cohort was suited to a more intimate style of drama, but the particular adaptation that I liked did not

have a large number of characters. Consequently, I decided to 'double' cast to cater to all those who auditioned. This is something I have always avoided as it does present challenges, not least of all, double the number of rehearsals, technical rehearsals, and dress rehearsals! However, I think it has been a real success and a joy to watch the talented cast adapt to working on and bringing to life two (and in some cases three) different versions of the story. The blend and diversity of different kinds of pupils that come together, both on stage and backstage, to create

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these productions never ceases to amaze me. This year, we have our usual A-Level and GCSE Drama pupils, a Dracula who also plays in the 1st XV Rugby, three girls who play in the 1st XI Hockey, music scholars, international pupils, almost every year group represented in some way and both our Head Boy and Head Girl in major roles.

The cast and crew have worked tirelessly, and I cannot praise them highly enough, they have been dedicated and brilliant to direct. Being at a school like Blundell's and in turn being involved in something like Drama is all about creating life-long cherished memories for our pupils and it is always an honour and a privilege to know that we as a department achieve this. Drama means so much to those involved, and this year's cast and crew can be incredibly proud of the complex and sophisticated drama they have created.

Mr Rochfort



Years
12 & 13

Music Performing workshop

with Madeleine Shaw

On Friday enrichment, a group of Years 12 and 13 musicians attended a performing workshop delivered by professional singer and singing teacher at Blundell's, Madeleine Shaw. The workshop challenged pupils to reflect on their performing highlights to date and really question what a musical performance involves, alongside practical ideas for future performances. Well done to Finn, Jack and Daisy, Year 13, for performing in the session. We look forward to Madeleine Shaw delivering further sessions for younger pupils later in the year.



Two Moors Festival

Young Musician Competition; Winners Concert

Year
10

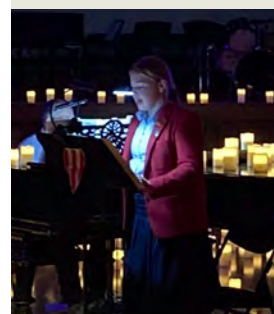
Ginevra, Year 10, performed a brilliant 20-minute recital as part of the Winners Concert of the Two Moors Festival Young Musician Competition. It was back in April that Ginevra won the vocal category of this prestigious competition and since then she was invited to a masterclass with the other winners at the end of the summer holiday. The standard of the winners concert on Saturday was staggeringly high and it was hard to believe the young age of the performers. Ginevra should be extremely proud of her performance, which included challenging repertoire, all delivered confidently off by heart and in front of a sold-out audience. Thank you to the Year 10 pupils who also came to watch the concert and give their support.



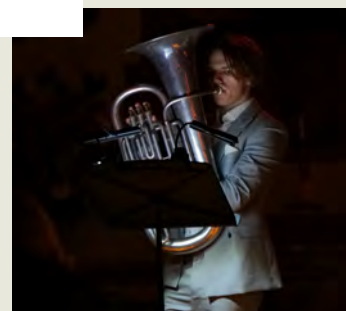
Scholars' Candlelit Concert

We experienced a remarkable night filled with outstanding musical performances at the Years 9 and 13 Music Scholars' Concert at Sampford Peverell Church.

The event, held in the enchanting setting of one of our local churches, was not only a showcase of remarkable talent in those year groups, but also an ode to the beauty of solo performances on both vocals and instruments. The atmosphere, enhanced by the warm glow of candlelight, added an ethereal quality to the already breathtaking musical renditions. The local church served as a perfect backdrop, enriching the entire experience with its historical and cultural significance. Beyond the captivating melodies and stunning setting, this event underscored the importance of our musicians connecting with the local community. Music at Blundell's is not just about creating beautiful music within the confines of our school; it is about reaching out and sharing our artistic endeavours with those around us. This interaction fosters a sense of unity and appreciation, reminding us that the arts are a powerful medium to build bridges between our school and the community we call home.



Years
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Exeter Cathedral Carol Service

The carol service in Exeter Cathedral has consistently been a highlight on the school calendar, and this year proved to be no exception.

Commencing with the timeless solo rendition of 'Once in Royal David's City,' skillfully performed by Bryony (Year 8), the choir of more than 150 individuals presented a selection of contemporary and traditional carols. In this particular year, the service showcased several musical pieces by present-day female composers, along with an interpretation of the renowned composition 'Carol of the Bells' and an arrangement of 'Away in a Manger' by the Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo. The combined choirs featured students ranging from choristers as young as Year 4 to our students in Year 13, as well as the participation of various staff members and parents. Following tradition, the congregation actively contributed to the concluding moments, culminating in the resounding performance of the well-known carol 'Hark the Herald,' accompanied by the senior orchestra. The collective effort of all the participating students was truly commendable, and I extend my congratulations to each one of them for creating such a memorable occasion.



Harmony and Joy:

Blundell's School Christmas Concert

In the resplendent ambience of All Saints Church, Dulverton, Blundell's School hosted a Christmas Concert that encapsulated the spirit of the season. The evening, held on December 8th, showcased the exceptional musical talents of our students and the collective efforts of the Orchestra, Chamber Choir, Flute, Brass, and String Ensembles. The repertoire, a seamless blend of classical and festive pieces, captured the attention and hearts of the audience that gathered in the charming setting of Dulverton, filling the church.



Years
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Bristol Hospital Visit

At the end of November our Year 13 Music Scholars visited Bristol Royal Hospital for Children, to help provide some Christmas cheer for the patients, families, and workers at this wonderful institution by providing Christmas music for everyone. It was a very special visit and one that the Music in the Community team have put together and worked on making happen. Huge credit to our pupils for taking the time to give something positive back and brighten people's lives this Christmas. The hospital has since written to say, "We're so grateful to Blundell's pupils for sharing your amazing talents with us and we hope you enjoyed seeing all the smiles on people's faces as they heard you." Dr Leaman



Academic Music Trip:

Cecile McLorin Salvant

In a recent academic expedition, Year 12 students embarked on a musical adventure to London, where they had the privilege of witnessing the extraordinary Cécile McLorin Salvant in concert. Renowned for her prowess as a composer, singer, and visual artist, Salvant seamlessly connects vaudeville, blues, global folk traditions, theatre, jazz, and Baroque music. The students, who are currently studying Salvant as their set work singer for A Level Music, were treated to an evening of rare and forgotten songs, marked by compelling narratives, intriguing power dynamics, unexpected twists, and a touch of humour. Salvant, a three-time Grammy winner, left an indelible mark with her diverse repertoire, including her latest album, *Mélusine*, released on Nonesuch in March 2023.



This immersive experience not only broadened the students' musical horizons but also served as a testament to the transformative power of live performance.

The House Music Competition, a hallmark of our school's annual calendar, never fails to dazzle. From the 'House Shouts' embracing volume to the smaller ensembles rising to remarkable musical heights, there truly was something for everyone.

The camaraderie in the houses and support from the audience of pupils encapsulates the Blundellian spirit.

Congratulations to our winners!

House Music

It was a space where emerging stars shone brightly, nurtured by their peers' encouragement and reassurance. House Music has a knack for unveiling hidden talents and those who might not often grace formal musical stages but possess an ardent love for their art. A big well done to all the pupils for making this evening a vivid display of the kindness and spirit of generosity that our students embody.



• Overall Winner - North Close

• Best Performer of the Year - Kathy

• Best Individual Contribution - Natalia

• Best Item - Gorton House & Old House

• House Song - Francis House



ENRICHMENT

'NEW BEGINNINGS' TALAN SKEELS-PIGGINS

The first lecture of our Enrichment Programme started with an inspiring talk from Talan Skeels-Piggins. Talan spoke passionately and candidly about overcoming adversity, focusing on the resilience we all have inside us. His own journey of recovery, acceptance and then determination, following an accident that left him paralysed from the chest down, hit the note perfectly. Pupils were blown away by what Talan has achieved from representing Great Britain at the Paralympics and breaking down barriers for disabled people by becoming the 1st disabled person to complete against able bodied racers in solo motorcycles to setting up a charity to teach disabled people how to ride motorbikes. Talan stayed behind at the end to speak to a huge queue of pupils personally, and their conversations ranged from topics such as skiing and racing, to adopting a positive mind-set and practicing mindfulness and gratitude.

BEN COLLINS

We welcomed back OB Ben Collins (FH 1988-1993) to share his extra ordinary achievements and pursuits in his career and speak with our Sixth Formers. As is widely reported, 'as the Stig, Ben Collins was the benchmark of speed against which all other drivers set themselves, the man that everyone from Formula One World Champion Nigel Mansell to Jenson Button tried and failed to beat. He has raced successfully in almost every class imaginable, from Formula 3 and Le Mans 24 Hour competition to American Stock Car Racing.' It was a thoroughly entertaining and inspirational talk for the students, with clips from Top Gear days with Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz competing for top position on the leader board to the thrilling and technically challenging, high-speed chases from the James Bond films. In the words of one of our Sixth Formers, 'I feel fortunate that we were given the opportunity to have a talk from Ben Collins on his journey from 'The Stig' to Le Mans to James Bond and all in between. Some say we have met The Stig but also, we have met a fantastic example of an OB who is an inspiration to us all.'

BOB TAIT TALK

We've had the privilege of hosting Bob Tait from Drugs Education UK, who has engaged with students in Years 8 through 11. The aim? To provide them with age-appropriate insights on various aspects of drug-related issues:

Year 8: Tackling the topic of alcohol, vaping and peer pressure

Year 9: Unpacking the world of cannabis and the law

Year 10: Investigating the influences and effects of drugs

Year 11: A discussion on the personal and legal consequences of drug involvement

Our comprehensive drugs education program ensures that our students have the necessary knowledge to make informed decisions. This knowledge empowers them to navigate life's choices responsibly and confidently.

STUDYING ABROAD

Pupils from Years 11-13, as well as parents, enjoyed a fantastic enrichment event where they learnt about the opportunities to study abroad. We welcomed Sarah Nash from Study Options who encouraged pupils to consider continuing their education in Australia and New Zealand. Emma Gettliffe travelled from IE University, a top international university in Spain with campuses in Madrid and Segovia, to highlight opportunities for UK pupils to study at institutions in Europe.

Pupils were left feeling inspired about their options and clear on the steps they will need to take should they choose to pursue these opportunities.

VAPING

Year 9 students attended an informative session on Vaping and its impact. They covered the science behind vaping as well as understanding the law and health and environmental consequences.

CO-CURRICULAR

CCF Royal Marines Summer Camp



At the start of the summer break three of our Royal Marine Cadets (Cadet Sergeant Jasper, Cadet Corporal Sam and Marine Cadet Reuben) attended a summer camp with cadets from schools and units of the CCF RM, the Sea Cadets Corps and the Volunteer Cadet Corps from as far afield as Scotland and London, and, as close as Plymouth.

This included an introduction to the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines, Lympstone, Devon. The cadets completed a number of activities around CTCRM on the first day – this included unarmed combat, skill at arms, modern urban combat, a tour of the Bottom Field Assault Course, and a swimming test. With all of this completed, they then proceeded into the field. The cadets gained experience in fieldcraft and section attacks on Dartmoor. The cadets completed a round robin of activities in the rain, including close quarter battle, section attacks and a combined first aid and reaction to effective enemy fire activity. They visited 47 Commando to understand about the Royal Marines' amphibious capabilities, practicing beach landings ahead of a final exercise which combined the various skills that they'd learnt in a recce and an attack on Scraesdon Fort.

This attack was preceded by clearance patrols and reces around the Fort, identifying the enemy within and concluding in a dawn assault upon the Fort. On the fourth day, cadets proceeded again to Jupiter Point in Plymouth harbour to complete a landing familiarisation package with 47 Commando. After this, they conducted a recce on the Fort, after which they reacted effectively to fire from roving enemy patrols on their withdrawal. On the final day, the cadets visited 42 Commando at Bickleigh Barracks and completed a range package, which saw many cadets complete live firing for the first time. Cadet Sergeant Jasper from Blundell's School Royal Marines was first across the line followed by Marine Cadet Reuben also from Blundell's School crossing the line in second place, and excellent achievement for our cadets.

Clay Pigeon

Blundell's Clay Pigeon Shooting Team had a great start to the season! In October, our A Team placed 2nd against some well established teams at the Rugby School Clay Pigeon Shooting Competition and our B team placing 4th. This was followed by an afternoon at Millfield in November where we finished 9th out of 20 schools and Hattie coming joint 5th overall in the ladies competition.



The aim of the Williams Cup is to create a test of teamwork and togetherness but also give all the pupils the opportunity to get to know each other much more closely than otherwise they might. All the houses showed tremendous fortitude and resilience throughout the whole trip, enduring some tough conditions overnight and then getting to grips with some team activities around Dartmoor the next day, many of which were far more challenging than they first thought.

Williams Cup



It was a close competition, but it was Gorton House who took the win and were awarded the Williams Cup



Hockey



Before the start of the Autumn Term we held a successful preseason tour for our senior hockey teams. From training at Rotterdam HC, playing against local sides, pancake cruises and much more! Friendships were built across year groups and new formations tested. An exciting season lies ahead for our talented hockey players.

The season started with the Rotterdam preseason tour, we had training sessions with professional players, fixtures against local clubs and lots of team bonding. There are 246 girls playing hockey this term, 165 fixtures and 9 tournaments including 3 hosted, it has been a very successful girls hockey term.



Netball

Our netballers have been in preseason development. The U14, U16 and U19 teams have started the Regional Schools competition. Our U14 team came 4th at the Devon Schools Competition. Our U19s came 2nd at the Open Devon Competition.

Swimming

A senior girls team comprising of Rose (Year 11), Isobel (Year 12), Gemma (Year 13) and Jodie (Year 13) represented Blundell's at the 65th ESSA Secondary Schools Team Championships held at Sandwell Aquatics Centre in Birmingham.

Two members of the Blundell's Swimming Team, Izzy and Archie had the opportunity to meet Double Olympic Champion and World Record Holder breaststroke swimming, Adam Peaty at Hydrolife Jacuzzi.



It has been a superb basketball season, full of growth and most importantly, huge amounts of fun.

We matched our best ever league finish from last year as runners up in the South West Basketball League with a our best ever win/loss record. Dominant home wins in the second half of the season against Wellington, King's Taunton and Queen's Taunton in front of raucous home support ensured we finished the regular season matches in strong fashion and with full momentum going into the Final Four playoffs. We met third placed Huish College in our Semi Final, an U18 National League team who are always well drilled and present tough opposition. The final against Millfield didn't quite go our way but the players never gave up and made it tough for Millfield until the final buzzer. Special thanks go to our departing Year 13 players, Chris, Toby, Alex and Billy who have given great service to Blundell's basketball.



Basketball

Rugby

On the back of a large number of boys attending pre-season at the end of the holidays, it was great to see everyone get off to such a positive start.

The U12's have really developed over the course of the term, which has created an exciting hard-working group.

The U13's have also had a good season which saw them make the final of the Mount Kelly 10's losing out to their much bigger counterparts via golden point.

The U14's have had great numbers this season seeing them put out a C team a number of times, the U14's also had a great Devon Cup run resulting in a tight hard fought Cup Final win over Exeter School.

The U15's are arguably the most improved team, going on a good National Cup run and also making the final of the Devon Cup which is to be played after Xmas. On the back of a number of strong performances seven U15 players have been asked to train with the Exeter Chiefs development pathway programme.

The U16's have put in a number of impressive performances with the U16B's going unbeaten over the course of the season which has resulted in them being ranked the No 1 second team in the country. Another positive was the high number of 3rd XV games we had at senior level and also seeing so much movement between the 1st 2nd and 3rd XV's.

The 1st XV squad did themselves proud at the prestigious St Joes Festival finishing a very respectable 6th. A number of impressive performances over the term, notably against Cheltenham and Clifton has resulted in two more of our senior players getting invited to train with the Chiefs Academy. This term we've also had a number of girls doing rugby, which has included a small number of girls traveling over from Uffculme to join us on a Monday which has been really positive and something we really plan to build on in the future.

It's been a very positive term for rugby and will hopefully set everyone up nicely for the 7's season in the new year.

Tony Yapp



St. Joseph's Rugby Festival

What a weekend at St Joseph's Rugby Festival where Blundell's certainly left their mark!

The team got off to the perfect start with wins of Denstone and Strathallen, before losing their final pool game to one of the favourites Brighton College. Blundell's went through to the second day in the top 8 and despite a gallant effort, they lost to Millfield.

A good win over Trinity meant they made it through to the Final of the Plate, but with several injuries and most boys being held together with tape, it wasn't quite to be and we finished runners up.

Overall, the boys finished 6th which is a great achievement by the team, Jamie and Rocky also got named in the team of the tournament for their impressive displays.

A huge thank you to Henry Slade, who spoke to our sport scholars at the end of term. He was incredibly engaging and gave an insight into life as a professional sports person.



A huge well done to our 1st XV for the immense effort they put in for their last match. For the boys to run out on Big Field, some of them for the very last time, in front of a big Blundell's crowd and then to get the win against the much-fancied RGS High Wycombe, in the manner they did, is something we are all enormously proud.

Full Colours

Congratulations to Bella, Geo and Isobel on being awarded Full Colours for Hockey.



Congratulations to Chris on being awarded Full Colours for Basketball.



Full Colours

Congratulations to Jamie, Rocky, James, Lucas and Archie on being awarded Full Colours for Rugby.





Our charity partners this year are CHAT, the ReStory Foundation (Bhambayi Project) and Hospiscare.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE TERM

was a cultural tour to South Africa where we visited the Bhambayi Project, recently renamed the ReStory Foundation. This organisation works to support vulnerable children by building the community. We took items and games that we could enjoy with the children, and we received just as much enjoyment as we gave. On our return we were able to fundraise enough money to support 80 children with what they will need for school. Through a Christmas Appeal and together with other school fundraising we are sending a total of £7,696 to Bhambayi Project where we know all our money will be used to benefit the children they support. Thank you all for your generosity.



Other events this term have included the wine tasting evening and the Christmas craft fair. We continue to collect clothes for recycling with Ragbag and next term we have a Ceilidh and Pop-Up Parent Art Fair and Pop-Up Charity Shop events to look forward to.



Our Francis House boys volunteering at the Breakfast on the Go earlier in December.

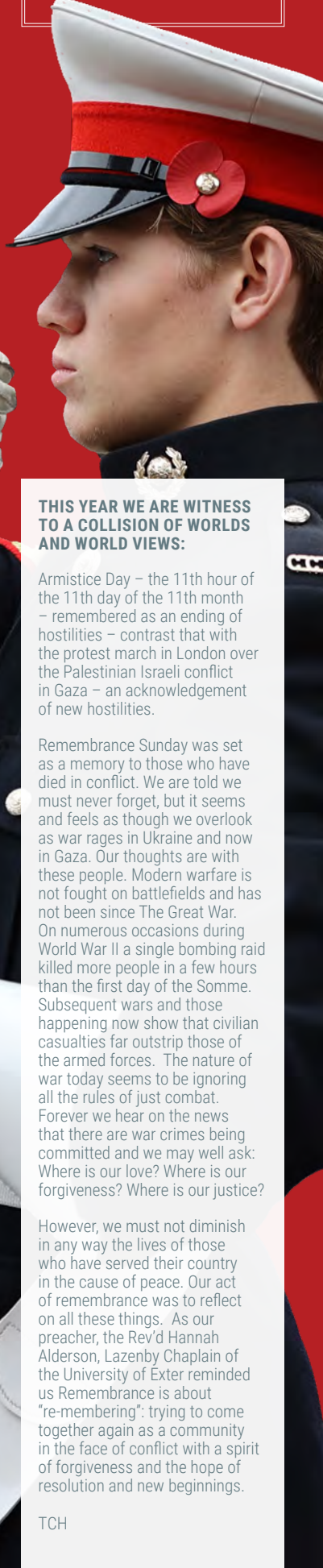


The 4 Friend brothers returned to Blundell's to kick off our fundraising events this year. They entertained a full Ondaatje theatre with their experience of rowing across the Atlantic. All proceeds went to CHAT and this event was followed by a chapel service delivered by students, a harvest collection, and a home clothes day.



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That men do not learn much from the lesson of history is the most important of all the lessons that history has to teach
Aldous Huxley 1959



THIS YEAR WE ARE WITNESS TO A COLLISION OF WORLDS AND WORLD VIEWS:

Armistice Day – the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month – remembered as an ending of hostilities – contrast that with the protest march in London over the Palestinian Israeli conflict in Gaza – an acknowledgement of new hostilities.

Remembrance Sunday was set as a memory to those who have died in conflict. We are told we must never forget, but it seems and feels as though we overlook as war rages in Ukraine and now in Gaza. Our thoughts are with these people. Modern warfare is not fought on battlefields and has not been since The Great War. On numerous occasions during World War II a single bombing raid killed more people in a few hours than the first day of the Somme. Subsequent wars and those happening now show that civilian casualties far outstrip those of the armed forces. The nature of war today seems to be ignoring all the rules of just combat. Forever we hear on the news that there are war crimes being committed and we may well ask: Where is our love? Where is our forgiveness? Where is our justice?

However, we must not diminish in any way the lives of those who have served their country in the cause of peace. Our act of remembrance was to reflect on all these things. As our preacher, the Rev'd Hannah Alderson, Lazenby Chaplain of the University of Exeter reminded us Remembrance is about "re-mem-bering": trying to come together again as a community in the face of conflict with a spirit of forgiveness and the hope of resolution and new beginnings.

TCH

Garden Open day

The Garden Cabin is the base for Community Partnerships at school

Our Garden Open Day welcomed Two Moors, Wilcombe and Heathcoat Primary Schools in for a workshop that focused on looking after wildlife throughout the winter. The Garden Café was open raising money for our charities and keeping energy levels up as our visitors joined us on a very wet and rather miserable autumn day.



Tiverton High School



Design a Garden Event



Grand Western Canal



FIELD

On Monday 9th October over one hundred Sixth Formers took part in our Community Engagement Field Day.

Based in tutor groups they worked with various local organisations offering support to run events and complete all sorts of tasks. This year pupils had the opportunity to spend the day working with:

TWO MOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL: clearing damage to their garden caused by break ins, filling raised beds with soil and running sports events for Year 5.

WILCOMBE PRIMARY SCHOOL: running a day of multi activity sports events for Years 2 to 6.

TIVERTON PANNIER MARKET: painting, staining wood, clearing weeds, putting up bunting.

GRAND WESTERN CANAL: repainting the railings in the canal basin.

TIVERTON HOSPITAL WILDLIFE GARDEN: clearing and tidying flower beds, stripping and repainting furniture

DEVON WILDLIFE TRUST: a new link this year which saw the group clearing scrub on Rackenford Moor to help with ongoing conservation.

TIDCOMBE FEN: another new link in which pupils carried out surveys for dormice, harvest mice and brown hairstreak butterflies.



Bolham



Heathcoat



Tidcombe



Bolham

WE HAVE HOSTED: Tidcombe, Bolham, Wilcombe and Heathcoat Primary Schools this term for academic enrichment sessions in the morning focusing on Physics, Biology, Music and Geography and afternoon sessions based on tag rugby, netball and multi ball skills.



Yr7

PLOT TO PLATE, the first of our Community Garden Events was a great success as School Chef and semi-finalist in the South West Chef of the Year, Harrison, led the Plot to Plate workshop. Using locally grown produce the afternoon session ended with a delicious, curried butternut squash soup, minted yogurt, and onion bhaji. The Garden Cabin is the base for Community Partnerships as school and its newly kitted out kitchen was the perfect venue for an afternoon of rustic garden cookery.

CHRISTMAS IN THE BLUNDELL'S GARDEN was the final Community Partnerships event this term, which saw the Garden Cabin transformed into a mini Winter Wonderland. On 7th December we hosted visits throughout the day from Heathcoat Primary School's Nursery class, Year 1 from Two Moors, and the Reception Class from Bolham Primary School. The very excited visitors took part in Hospiscare's Reindeer

Fundraising Fun Run, which many local schools have been supporting this year. After a reindeer warm up and putting on their beautifully decorated antlers, they ran a short circuit through school to the Blundell's Garden. The Christmas trees, garlands and displays surrounded by a ridiculous number of Christmas lights made it quite clear that Christmas is fast approaching. It wasn't long before Rudolf appeared at the door and even less time before they realise that if Rudolf was here perhaps Father Christmas was as well. Excitement levels rose even higher as Santa soon arrived and supported by four cheeky Elves; he gave everyone a present. The visitors set about making the wooden reindeer that he gave them, before enjoying a hot chocolate and a tasty Christmas snack.

For the final visit of the afternoon, it was lovely to host some residents from Margaret Allen Care Home who enjoyed a Christmas tea whilst listening to festive tunes. They also took great delight in decorating the wooden reindeers in the same way the younger visitor had before them.

THE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITY GROUP have hosted Margaret Allen Care Home residents for an afternoon in the Garden Cabin and the Charity Committee have been busy making craft items for sale at our Christmas Craft Fair which raises money for our current charities. These are CHAT, Hospiscare, Disasters Emergency Committee and the Bhambayi Project. Over half term a team of pupils visited the Bhambayi Project in South Africa and spent a week working with them, learning more about the charity work they do in preparation for launching our Christmas appeal which aims to raise funds to support the cost of education for more the of children.



Letter from the Director of Development

It has been another busy start to the new academic year and here in the Development Office we kicked off in style by hosting our second Charity Gala Dinner and Auction. With a delicious three course dinner from our catering team and musical entertainment from the pupils, along with a captivating array of auction prizes that included a flight in a Spitfire plane and a holiday home in Australia, it was no surprise that all those that joined us had a wonderful evening.

I would like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to all those who attended, provided sponsorship, and donated prizes, which enabled us raise over £20,000, doubling the amount we raised last year. I'm sure you will agree this is a brilliant achievement and these funds will be allocated towards the school's chosen charities, community partnership initiatives, along with providing bursary support.

I also wanted to let you know that from December I will be stepping away from my role at Blundell's to pursue a new career.

I feel so incredibly fortunate to have met so many of you in the Blundell's community, sharing a passion for a place we hold so close.

Together, we have made a significant difference, from providing life-changing opportunities for young people through support of the bursary program, to helping enhance the school's learning environment for pupils to fulfil their full potential. The successes that we have shared over the last 5 years is down to the strength and selfless commitment of everyone involved, and this is why Blundell's will continue to prosper and be so special.

Your kindness, generosity and humour have been invaluable, and I am immensely proud to have been part of this amazing community, making so many friends along the way. I am sorry I have not been able to say goodbye in person, and I hope our paths cross again. I know that you will give as much support to my successor as you have provided to me.



Ben Boswell (FH 2000-02), Director of Development

Fives Tournament for the Reichwald Trophy 2023

The Reichwald Tournament this year took place with a smaller entry than usual due to various reasons, but the quality of play and length of rallies was certainly as high as ever and the 5 doubles partnerships of players that contested for the Cup and tankards certainly worked hard all morning, with very little rest in between matches. "It seemed as soon as you had finished one match you were in action playing another".

In the early rounds it became evident that the partnership of Dwight Schultz (OH 1998-00) and Angus (pupil), being a right-and left-hand combination, were the pair to beat, with the remaining pairs now playing for the runner up spot. Dan Hill (M 1996-01) and Jan (pupil) won the runner-up spot by winning more games than Keith Kennerly and Christian Brook (W 1978-83). Dwight and Angus continued to assert their dominance winning the Final 11-7; 11-9, a great match. In the Pool Matches for the 3rd Place, again the stronger partnership of Christian and Keith beat Jonathan Webber (NC 1971-76) and Charlie (pupil) only won by 2 points difference and Katherine Armstrong (OB) and Wayne Enstone (OBC well wisher) whilst losing all games were only 5 points behind. All players vowed to be back next year!

It was certainly another successful and enjoyable Reichwald Tournament; Chris Reichwald would have been proud of all competitors who competed in true Reichwald manner and spirit. We really do play a very special Sport.

The full report and more photos can be found [here](#) on the website.



Congratulations to OB Alex Brook (nee Brownlow GH 1981-83) for receiving her rifle shooting league badge. Ten target scores were put forward to the West Kent Rifle League by Barry Dawe, with the first being a handicap and Alex came top of her league of 8, well done Alex!

Save the Dates:

OB SPORT WEEKEND
22nd/23rd March 2024

OLD BLUNDELLIAN DAY
22nd June 2024

**OB CLUB OB CURRENT PARENT
& OB CURRENT GRANDPARENT
SPEECH DAY LUNCH**
5th July 2024



Impact Report for September 2022 to August 2023

Thank you to our generous and supportive Community, without you we would not be able to make a difference to our pupils. Also our Archives Department have generously been donated a lot of special items which we are extremely grateful for.

£230,764.64

TOTAL DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR
(Also separately a legacy of £146,828.45)

£858,573

Value of Bursaries

£28,318.60

Gift Aid

86
BURSARY
PLACES

28

DONATION GIFTS TO THE ARCHIVES

including a Lorna Doone front plate image, donated by A. Williamson, on behalf of the late R.L.C. Williamson and a Portrait of the Rev. Henry Knott-Venn, donated by his descendants Mark and Francis Bray.

New Wild Wonders Canopy at the Prep School

We are delighted to share with you our new Wild Wonders Canopy area, kindly supported by the generous donations to our Annual Fund and sponsored by BluBox. This area will become a real asset to our outdoor programme and will provide much needed shelter during rain or shine. The area will also be available to teachers to do outdoor lessons and will quickly become a very valuable asset to our learning programme. A massive thank you to Alex Willis from BluBox and his team for designing and constructing the area. You can see this fantastic new area below, pictured is Prep School Head Mr Southgate, Alex Willis (BluBox) and Ben Boswell (Director of Development).





In the 70cm Competition our two Blundellian Teams were placed **1st & 2nd** – a fantastic result.

Blundell's put forward four teams in our annual One Day Event held once again at the stunning Pontispool Equestrian Centre, Taunton. All Blundellian's performed exceptionally well.

In the 70cm competition, our two Blundellian teams were placed 1st and 2nd – a fantastic result. The team placed 2nd consisted of: Maiella (NC), William (FH), Scarlett (GH) and Ellie (SH). The winning team consisted of: Pheobe (SH), Molly (NC), Max (SH) and Daisy (NC).

Many of our own competitors helped to run the event in between riding their horses in their own classes. This event would not run without our amazing community of equestrian pupils and a special thanks to William (FH) and Hattie (W) who stepped up to take on essential admin roles during the day – helping the event run smoothly and support the school.

We would also like to thank all the staff that volunteered their time and efforts in supporting the event and to the ODE Committee for putting in many hours to make this event a success again.

ONE DAY EVENT



Katharine Sendel

(OB Club Chair)

After a successful 7 year term as Chairman of the Old Blundellian Club, Richard Swarbrick stepped down from his role at the 2023 AGM on 30 September.

Katharine Sendel (GH 2007-2014) was voted in as the new Chair. During her time at Blundell's, Katharine was a keen dramatist and in her final year was appointed Head of School.

Katharine lives in Bristol, and works for the Cabinet Office with a focus on careers in the Civil Service. Please do introduce yourself next time you see her!



To see the full list of OB Club Committee members please visit the [OB Club website](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Partnerships & Supporters

We are delighted to be partnered with the following businesses. If you would like to partner with Blundell's, please do get in touch with the Development Office. Email: devoffice@blundells.org or Tel: 01884 232324.

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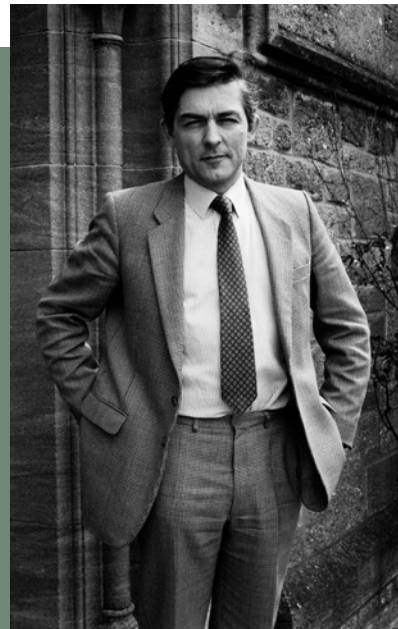
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Death Notifications

Former Head 1980-92



Anthony John David Rees

From the time he became Headmaster of Blundell's in 1980, John Rees's headship was characterised by new developments and innovation.

During his time as Head, he was integral in the rebuilding of North Close following the fire, the building of the Sports Hall and Ondaatje Hall, among other projects, earning him the nickname 'Architect' Rees.

He championed all areas of the academic, athletic and pastoral life of the school, to make Blundell's an open, relaxed, friendly and welcoming place during his 12 years in the role.

Michael Pollock

(SH 1958-61)



After spending many enjoyable years at Blundell's, Michael Pollock went on to take over his father's printing business at the young age of twenty-one.

He spent much of his free time playing rugby, tennis, going skiing and also many years with his pals at the Honourable Artillery Company (HAC).

Marrying Joan in his early thirties, he then had two daughters, Nicola and Felicity in their country home in Sussex. After a little over a decade of married life in Sussex, Michael and his family moved to Buckinghamshire.

His love of Blundell's, the HAC, travelling, good restaurants and pubs remained with him until he sadly became ill earlier this year.

Ivor Atkins

(former Head Groundsman 1973-97)



Having been on staff since 1973, Ivor Atkins succeeded Ernie Steele as Head Groundsman in 1977. Ivor was renowned for his meticulous care of the school grounds until his retirement in 1994.

- 27.03.23 Richard John Langford (FH 1950-54)
- 21.05.23 David Chilcott (W 1949-54)
- 18.06.23 William H Stamper (M 1950-53)
- 30.06.23 John Coupe (P 1948-51)
- 07.07.23 Michael Ian Pollock (SH 1958-61)
- 09.07.23 John Rees (Former Staff 1980-92)
- 27.07.23 Nick Geach (M 1951-55)
- 13.08.23 Hugh George Coleman (M 1953-58)
- 28.08.23 Ivor Atkins (Former staff 1973-97)
- 10.09.23 Rodney Reginald Mercer (SH 1941-45)
- 26.09.23 Charles Anthony Mustard (SH 1951-55)

OLD BLUNDELLIANS

Guy Dobson, OH (1965-69)

DIRECTOR, BLUE ANCHOR PRODUCTIONS LIMITED (NEW ZEALAND)

Guy has always had a great love for the sea. The youngest sibling of a family of five, growing up in the English Riviera town of Torquay, summer holidays were spent sailing dinghies and yachts in the beautiful Tor Bay.

During the 1950s and 1960s, the family business of shipping, motor vehicles (VW), coal distribution and haulage almost ran Torbay. As a youngster, Guy would walk through the firm's travel office looking at posters of Cunard, French, P&O, Shaw Saville, and Union Castle shipping lines. His grandmother's second marriage, after the tragic death of her first stock broker husband in WW1 in 1917, was to Frank Lund, heir to the Blue Anchor shipping line. This brought the two families together. A partner with his brother Albert in Blue Anchor Line, Frank went on to become a director of Anglo Persian (now known as BP) responsible for establishing their tanker fleet. Frank and Nora Lund (Dobson) had a private suite at the Grand Hotel in Eastbourne, Sussex. A bit of a character, insisting on his newspapers being ironed before reading. The Grand Hotel in the late

1930s, was a retreat for the deposed Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia. The Prince of Wales would occasionally pop down for a swim. Fast forward, just over eighteen months ago, Gavriel Bar-Or, now part of the Blue Anchor production team, contacted the family. After doing extensive research Gavriel advised we were the last remaining relatives of the William (Wilhelm) Lund dynasty. Gavriel (Wyoming, USA) a devoted Waratah fan, introduced us to Emlyn Brown (Western Cape, South Africa) another Waratah expert. Emlyn has undertaken over fourteen searches for the missing ship in Indian Ocean. He had also worked closely with renown Dr Clive Custler whose maritime adventure books grace the shelves of many an airport kiosk.

Project BAP Waratah Lund will tell the story of William (Wilhelm) Lund, founder and owner of Blue Anchor Line and ill-fated SS Waratah (Titanic of the South). From humble beginnings in Denmark, to a leading light of London shipping circles, only to be brought down to earth by an unprecedented act of Nature.



With a "living screenplay" the team now move on to the next challenge, raising significant capital (mainly overseas) to bring the enthralling story to the silver screen. The public will love it.

(NB: Born in Paignton, Devon; educated at Blundells School, Tiverton (OH 1965 - 1969) Married one of NZ Taranaki's finest and settled in New Zealand. Background in capital markets, industry, and creative content.

Rich Henderson

(FH 2003-08)

World's Toughest Row

Congratulations to OB Rich Henderson (FH 2003-08) and friends Alex Brooker, Lorenz and Alex Gammeter on setting a new World Record for the Toughest Row. This was a 2,800 mile journey from Monterey, California to Kauai Hawaii in row boats. They beat the previous world record with a time of 29days, 17hours and 29minutes.



A new
World Record
for the
Toughest
Row



John Rees (NC 1973-77)

After leaving Blundell's I attained a degree in Architecture at Plymouth Polytechnic, followed by a post graduate diploma in Architecture at Oxford Brookes. Following graduation, I moved to London for 10 years and worked in a number of architectural practices, undertaking commercial work, from offices, shopping centres and residential apartments.

In 1992 I spent two years working in Tuscany. I then spent two years as a VSO in Malawi.

On my return I chose to retrain as a chiropractor and became a Doctor of Chiropractic in 2001.

In 2003 having worked in London, I moved to Ilkley to set up my practice. We have been one of the few chiropractic clinics to be commissioned to work within the NHS.

Amongst our patient base we have had pleasure in treating professional tennis players, golfers, footballers, cricketers, national hunt jockeys, and rugby players in both union and league, in addition to a wealth of patients local to Ilkley.

In 2023 I published my first novel based on an experience within the clinic - "The Chiropractor's Femme Fatale"

Past Events

Class of 1993 - 30 Year Reunion

We welcomed back 25 OB's from the Class of 1993. It was a great atmosphere with everyone catching up whilst also keeping an eye on the rugby world cup! Thank you all for coming and for a fun evening.



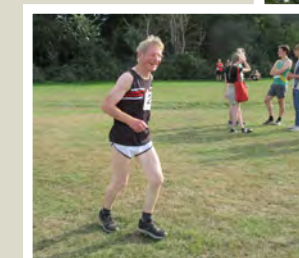
Hare and Hounds Alumni X-Country Run

Congratulations to Giles Stimson (NC 1960-65) and George Williams (FH 2012-14) who completed the annual Hare and Hounds alumni race which takes place at Wimbledon Common.



Parents Drinks Reception

Last month OB and current parent Jenny Scott (GH 1984-86) arranged a Sixth Form parents drinks reception. About 25 Sixth Form parents gathered for informal drinks in the Beale Centre with canapes provided by the OB Club.



Giles and George finished still smiling.

Magpie Vets at Bisley

Peter Ward (FH 1959-64), Simon Allanson-Bailey (M 1975-80), Rob Bentata (FH 1982-87), Mark Wooff (M 1977-82), Hugo Brooke (NC 1949-54) and Anthony Ward (FH 1965-69)

From Peter Ward "Whilst the team score wasn't top of the pops, all five scored steadily enough, and there was a full complement for the first time since 2018. The senior member of the team was Hugo Brooke, who smashed his own record for being the oldest OB to have represented the school in any sport, being less than a fortnight off his 87th birthday on the day."

Fun was had by all, and we thank the Magpie Vets for competing.



Charity Gala Success



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Thank you to everyone
that supported our
Annual Charity Gala
Dinner and Auction,
without you we could not
have raised double the
amount from last year!

We received over 20 fantastic prizes generously donated for our Auction including a flight in a Spitfire and a holiday stay in Australia.

Our guests enjoyed a lovely 3 course dinner prepared by our very own Blundell's Chef, Ankur, whilst enjoying music played by various students throughout the evening. We look forward to welcoming you all back next year.

All money raised will go towards Tours for bursary recipients, Blundell's Community Partnership initiatives and the School's chosen charities which this year are - CHAT (Churches Housing Action Team), Hospiscare, The Bhambayi Project and DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee).

Thank you to our sponsors of the evening; Bearnes, Hampton & Littlewood (Auctioneer and Valuers), Halo (Complete Property Renovations) and Stacks (Property Search).

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Over £20,000 raised!

January

10TH
Wed

12:30
OB Winter Lunch: Guest Speaker: Ben Collins (FH1988-93) aka The Stig 'Stunt driving for 007 and Jeremy Clarkson'. Beale Centre. Contact: [OB Club](#). Book your ticket [here](#)

17TH
Wed

18:00
Blundell's Association Film Night. Ondaatje Hall. Blundell's Community.

23RD
Tue

18:00
Blundell's Association Film Night. Blundell's Community.

30TH
Tue

18:00
School House Parents Dinner Party. Beale Centre. Tutor Group Parents.

February

6TH
Tue

18:00
School House Parents Dinner Party: Beale Centre. Tutor Group Parents.

7TH
Wed

12:30
OB Winter Lunch: Speaker: Mark Tucker, (W 1978-83) Westminster Advisory Board for Industrial Hemp and CBD products. Beale Centre. Contact: [OB Club](#). Book your ticket [here](#)

7TH
Wed

19:00
Spring Concert: 'Around the world in 80 mins'. Big School. Parents welcome.

March

2ND
Sat

14:00
The Russell: Parents welcome.

13TH
Wed

Winter Lunch: Speaker TBC. Contact: [OB Club](#)

15 & 16TH
Fri-Sat

16:00
Pop up Parent Art Fair for charity: Maths Department. Parents welcome.

20&21ST
Wed-Thu

19:30
School House Musical: 'We will rock you'. Ondaatje Hall. Parents welcome

21ST
Thu

18:20:00
Blundell's Community drinks, Durham. Contact: [Development Office](#)

22 & 23RD
Fri-Sat

OB Sports Weekend: Parents welcome. including boys' and girls' Hockey, Football, Netball and Rifle Target Shooting. Contact: [OB Club](#)

23RD
Sat

09:00
Guest Morning for parents of Year 5: Blundell's Prep families. Big School. Parents welcome

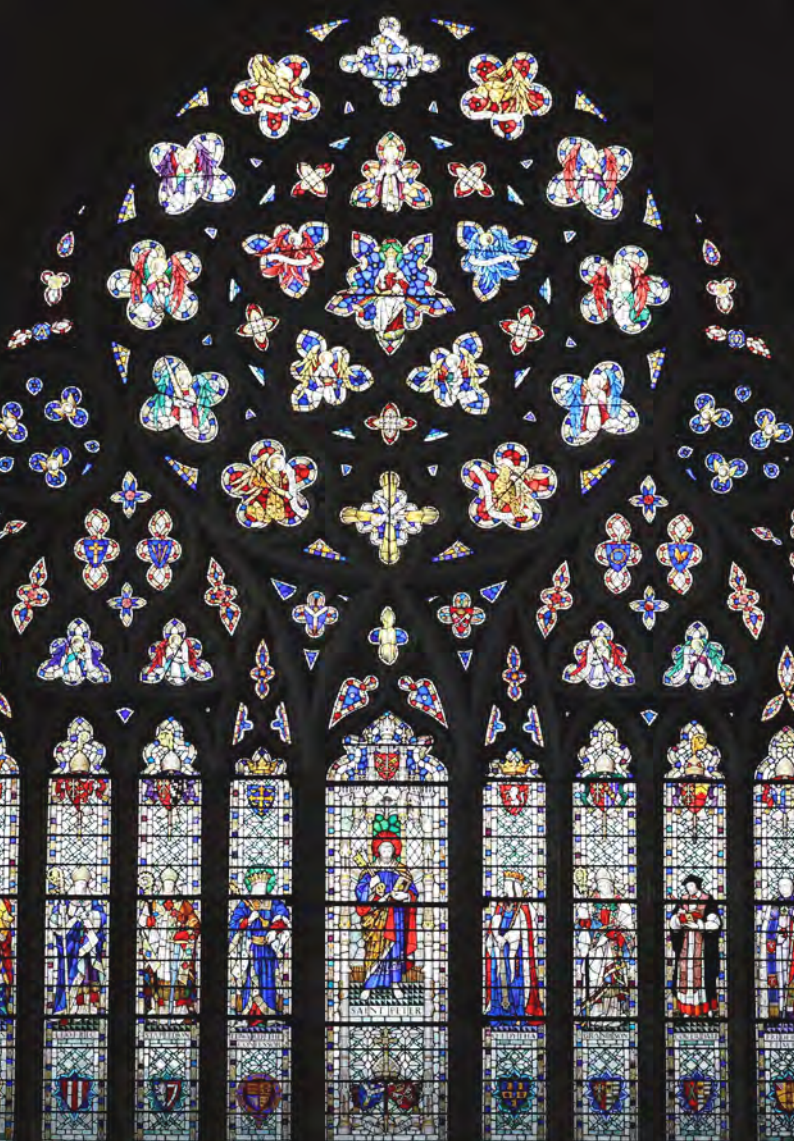


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Community regional drinks reception
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**Old Blundellian Day
Saturday
22nd June 2024**



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