



Blundell's DIARY

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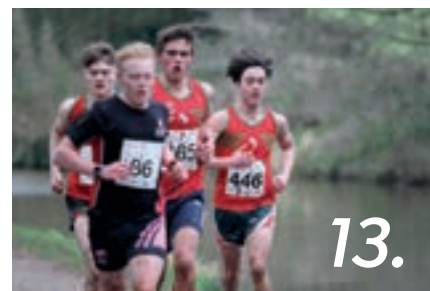
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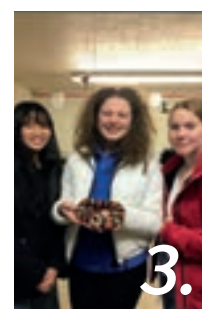
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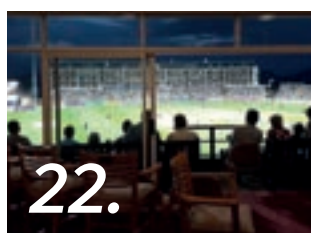
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Welcome

This edition of The Diary will find you in the most unusual of circumstances. Wherever you are in the world you will undoubtedly be affected by the global coronavirus pandemic. Our thoughts and prayers are with our Blundellian community during this time and I hope that reading the stories in these pages will fill you with pride in our institution as well as with the optimism that comes from seeing our current Blundellians in action.

This morning, as I write this, we are still in term time, but I am alone in my study surrounded by empty classrooms and echoing corridors. The sun is shining quite ferociously through the windows and patches of frost survive in shadowy corners. It is a beautiful day and it is hard to reconcile with the traumatic circumstances we find ourselves in.

Last Friday we held an impromptu farewell chapel service for the Year 13 pupils who are unlikely to enjoy the traditional summer end to their school careers. They will not be writing exams: a relief to some but to most it is a rite of passage denied to them. There is a sense of loss and the abrupt end to their school lives will require some processing. I am adamant that once this crisis has passed that we will gather again to celebrate their time at Blundell's appropriately.

In these pages of The Diary you will read of the wonderful things that have happened in this short but packed term. A wonderful Spring Concert in Exeter Cathedral, a dramatic cup run for our U18 hockey girls that took them to the brink of glory at the Olympic Park in London, and the muddiest Russell in many years on it's 140th edition.

My hope is that as you read this edition you will not only reflect happily on recent events but that it fills you with hope and optimism for the time when we can all be back together again at Blundell's. In the meantime, we wish all our Blundell's family good health and we hope that this disruption to our normal routines is also a time to take stock and to find a rhythm to our lives that normal circumstances might not allow. Our thoughts are also especially with those Blundellians serving the nation at this difficult time, particularly those working for or volunteering in the NHS. You have our gratitude. Until we meet again.

Bart Wielenga
Head

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The Blundell's Orchestra performing Alec Roth's 'A Time To Dance' at the 2020 Spring Concert. As conducted by Dr Oliver Leaman, Director of Music at Blundell's.

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Academic

Senior Debating

Serious, mature and focussed, the debates this year were well-researched and driven by insight and evaluative and critical comments and ideas. George deserves special mention for his particularly calm, rational and amiable (but firm) responses, solutions and arguments. Bea's style and opening were also engaging, humorous and exceptionally well-delivered. Joint winners of the evening were Petergate and North Close - well done to both. Best Speaker went to Thomas for a



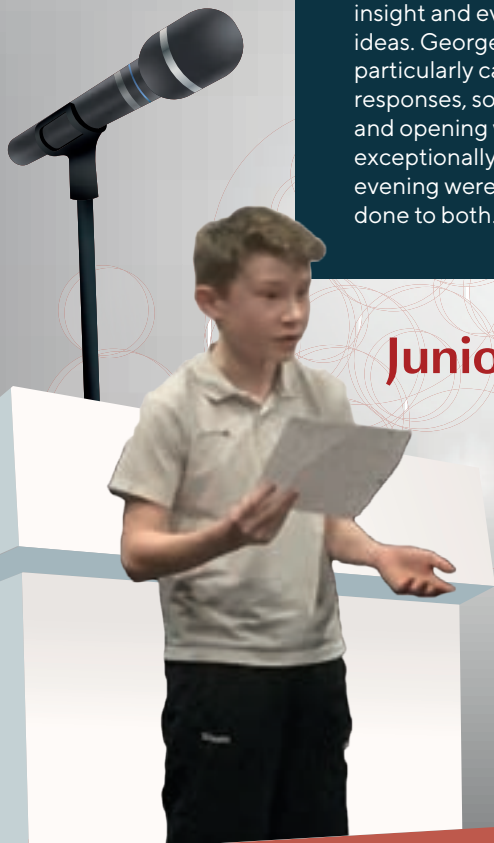
thoroughly persuasive and informed debating style that rarely relied on the notes in his hand - well done Thomas!

Miss Jasmine B. Gillman

Junior Inter-house Debating Competition

Challenging, insightful and well-delivered, the debates this year were tense and driven by innovative thinking and engaging and interesting thoughts and ideas. This year, Tiverton High School challenged School House with two young Year 8 debaters - a huge well done to them for taking part in their first ever debating competition - we hope to see them again next year! Matteo deserves special mention for his particularly focussed, informed and well-researched speech, as Best Second Speaker. Toby's Snakes and Ladders analogy for free will led to a humorous and enjoyable opening speech for Francis House. The winners of the evening were Gorton House - well done! Best Overall Speaker went to Freya for a thoroughly persuasive, informed and engaging debating style that saw the use of props and excellent body language to lead her team to victory!

Miss Jasmine B. Gillman



West of England RSC Chemistry Competition



Well done to our Chemists who finished 3rd place in the West of England RSC Top of the Bench Competition on 22nd January.

Off to Oxford

Three of our girls celebrated a flying start to 2020.

Congratulations to Millie, Orlagh and Coco, the high-flying schoolgirls have beaten off stiff competition from the brightest students in the country to gain university offers from Oxford.

Coco has been accepted to study Chemistry at St Hugh's College, Millie has been offered Biochemistry at University College and Orlagh has been offered PPE (Philosophy, Politics and Economics) at Keble College.





The Sky's The Limit

Harry has had a successful year in national academic competitions. He scored 100% in the Senior Maths Challenge in November and qualified for Round 1 of the Maths Olympiad. He placed in the top 100 in this and then moved on to Round 2, where he came in the top 20 in the UK.

In January, Harry achieved a Gold Award in Round 1 of the Chemistry Olympiad and his high score qualified him for the training camp in Cambridge for the selection of the pupils who would represent the UK in the International Chemistry Olympiad. He did so well in the final exam he was selected as a reserve. (There are 4 in the team and 2 reserves).

In November he achieved a Gold in Round 1 of the Physics Olympiad, which put him in the top 50 pupils nationwide. He was then invited to take part in Round 2 and also the British Astronomy and Astrophysics Olympiad. Harry achieved a Gold Award for each and his Astronomy Paper score qualified him for the final training camp in Oxford. After a tough camp he was selected for the team of 4 pupils to represent the UK in the International Astronomy and Astrophysics Olympiad in Colombia in September.

If that's not enough, in February Harry was placed second in the Bebras computational thinking National Final at Oxford University.

Since he is in Year 12 he will get another chance to do it all again next year.

Congratulations Harry, Sky's the limit!



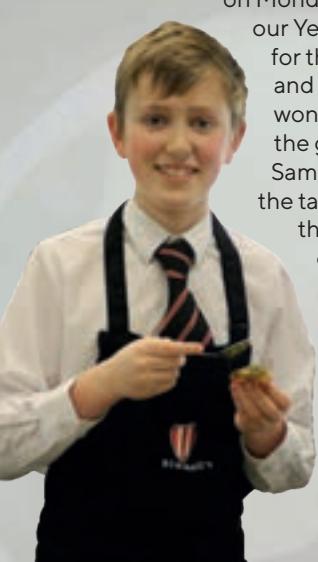
STEM Careers Fair at Dartmoor Zoo



On 10th February 15 girls from Years 10, 11 and 12 attended the Young Women into STEM Careers Fair 2020 that was held at Dartmoor Zoo. The girls had time to browse the numerous stands from a wide variety of companies, universities and training organisations. Unfortunately, due to the bad weather conditions a torchlight tour of the zoo had to be postponed but we were still able to get hands on with some of the smaller residents of the zoo. The evening was very informative, and we were able to gain valuable insights into the many STEM careers available.

Year 7 MasterChef

We had a wonderful evening on Monday 9th March as some of our Year 7's hosted a Dinner Party for their parents. Miss Woolford's and Miss Cook's tutees prepared a wonderful three course meal under the guidance of our Head Chef Craig Sampson. Pupils did all the cooking, laid the tables and provided decorations, served the food and entertained with song and dance. It really was a fabulous evening and a good chance for some of our parents to relax and enjoy themselves. Thanks to the donations parents made at the end of the evening we raised over £500 for the school's charities which are Churches Housing Action Team (CHAT), FORCE Cancer Charity & DSActive.



Film Studies goes to Bond Street

Last month, Dr Quinlivan-Brewer, Film Studies, spoke at a public event in conversation with the Wallace Collection's chief curator of 18th century French art. They spoke about the use of a particular painting (pictured here!) as the source of inspiration for a filmmaker she is writing a book on. The relationship between cinema and painting is hugely significant and key to Dr Q-B's teaching at Blundell's (just ask her students if you want to know more!)



The Year 13 Film Students were delighted to visit the Bill Douglas Cinema Museum (Exeter University), one of the largest collections of material relating to the moving image in Britain. Dr Quinlivan-Brewer organised a special tour with the curator of the museum, Phil Wickham, giving students the opportunity to learn about some of the 75,000 rare objects on display including silk shoes belonging to Marlene Dietrich, film posters and ephemera, a velociraptor from Jurassic Park and original art work from Walt Disney's Cinderella. Students especially enjoyed exploring the collection of beautiful magic lanterns, stereoscopic images and a mutoscope, a Victorian, hand operated moving image device. This trip both enriched the students' study of film history and furthered their knowledge of the social, cultural and scientific implications of this art form!



WORLD BOOK DAY



As part of World Book Day Blundell's welcomed Gandalf the Grey today as keynote motivational speaker for our Y11 pupils; the main point to take home was that they "shall not pass!!!" (...unless they revise hard)

Carmen Henderson, author of Thrall and Backjump, was also taking workshops for a whole range of eager students throughout the day. Year 10 watched a live streaming of the National Theatre schools' performance of Macbeth and even the Teachers got involved!



Blundell's 2025

We were delighted to launch our Blundell's 2025 vision to parents in February this year. It is a culmination of 18 months of hard work by staff across the Prep and Senior Schools and it sets out clearly our ambitions and intentions for the school over the next 5 years.

What was important to us in developing our vision is that it should capture what Blundell's already is whilst at the same time articulating where it wants to be in the future. The idea of Roots and Wings is already deeply embedded in the school's DNA and so we built the strategy around that concept. However, our key objective was that we presented a vision that was at once something that all stakeholders could grasp and be excited about whilst simultaneously helping us to articulate a coherent educational philosophy that would help to shape our decision making into the future. We believe that we have achieved that tension very well.



Fundamentally it is our ambition to be the first choice of school in the South West for parents who are looking for a co-educational day and boarding school. We often say that if parents are relocating to the South West and they ask anyone about schools that Blundell's is the obvious choice.

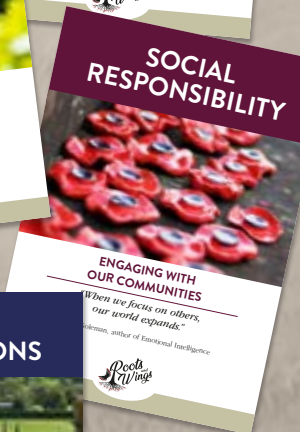
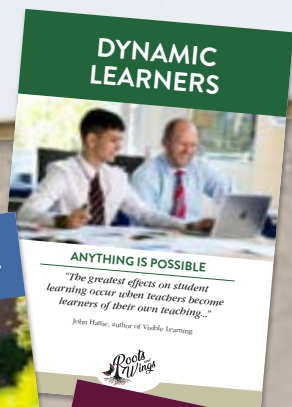
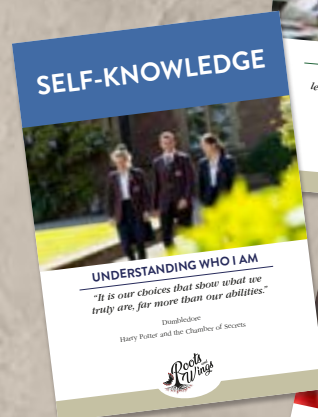
That is a perfectly clear ambition but in truth that does not say very much about what makes Blundell's that clear first choice in a market filled with excellent schools who profess to do largely the same things. When we explored what it was that we wanted to be known for; what we wanted to be industry leaders in, then we settled on this:

"A school community that is more thoughtful in understanding its pupils, and innovative in developing their potential, than any other in Britain."

We are not that now but it is our earnest intent to have a claim on that in 2025.

In these uncertain times where so little is clear and where reliable information is so hard to come by, strong leadership is especially highly prized. However, heroic leadership in times of crisis, as much as it is admirable, is not sustainable in delivering long term direction and focus that will take Blundell's onto a new level of learning and growth. A clear vision that has a strong buy in from all stakeholders is far more powerful in identifying and empowering leaders at all levels of the organisation, and it is only when each member of our institution leads in their own areas that we can fulfil our ambition, and that is why this Blundell's 2025 is so important.

"There are two gifts we should give to our children; one is roots and the other is wings."



Creative Arts

SPRING CONCERT 2020 February 12th – Exeter Cathedral

Our annual Spring Concert was a spectacular event this year as we performed in Exeter Cathedral in a partnership event with 10 other invited schools, including our local state secondary school and Tiverton primary schools. The centrepiece of the concert was Alec Roth's beautiful, exciting and energetic *A Time to Dance* cantata, with the composer in attendance. With 250 musicians on stage it was musically ambitious and challenging but immensely rewarding for the students. The composer himself commented, "I was delighted with the whole concert, and came away with a humbled sense of gratitude, that so many people had come together and put so much hard work into performing my music."

The concert also featured an instrumental first half with various shorter ballet excerpts including those by Prokofiev and Tchaikovsky. The senior school orchestra also led the primary guests through the lilting and exciting *Danzon* by Marquez, the piece featuring many of our extremely talented instrumentalists in reflective solo sections before exploding into a feast of massed colour. A huge congratulations to everyone involved on what was an inspirational and wonderful evening of music making of the highest calibre. The music-making of our students allowed us to reflect on what is positive in our lives and to remember that there should always be a time to dance.



Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

Last Friday evening Year 9 and 10 musicians attended an open rehearsal and Q&A with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra as they prepared for their film music concert, *Williams Vs Zimmer* at the Great Hall at the university of Exeter. We then headed down to the cathedral to hear choral evensong before watching the evening concert. The wonderful compositions of John Williams and Hans Zimmer were placed side by side and performed spectacularly well in what was a real treat for the ears. It was a truly inspiring day which the students thoroughly enjoyed.





The Clarinet Quartet

Our very own Clarinet Quartet competed in the qualifying round of the Pro Corda National Chamber Music Competition in January and were successful in advancing to the semi-final stage of the Under 19 category. At the end of February, they performed again to the visiting judge, playing the lyrical Dalmatian Cradle Song & the upbeat & fun Fon Der Khupe by Lenny Sayers. Given that the group have only performing together since September this is a remarkable achievement & Chester, Freya, Amelia & Anna should be very proud of their achievements. We are hugely grateful to the expert tuition they receive from Katie Hole, our clarinet teacher.



Music Scholars mentor SEN students with the London Chamber Orchestra

On Monday, 11 of our Year 9 Music Scholars travelled to High Close School, Wokingham as musical mentors for students with special educational needs. Joined by musicians from the London Chamber Orchestra and the vocal group Apollo5, they were wonderful ambassadors for Blundell's. They will continue this partnership as they work towards a concert in the prestigious St John Smith's Square on May 6th.



Metamorphosis

In February, the Year 13 Drama students performed their final practical performances to a visiting A Level examiner. They performed two very challenging pieces of Drama: Buchner's expressionistic piece *Woyzeck* which explores the oppression of the working classes and Berkoff's adaptation of Kafka's haunting novella *Metamorphosis*. These performances marked the final time that these students tread the Ondaatje boards and they signed off in style as they tackled these complex stylised pieces of theatre.



Field Day Arts Workshop

Year 12 Fine Art Students and guests ran an Arts Workshop on Field Day for visiting schools. The participants from local schools in year 5 and 6, collected leaves and printed some vibrant eye-catching work by layering, using colour, contrast and texture. It was a lot of fun and the year 12s really connected with the visitors and got involved as well as leading the demonstrations and introducing the sessions; 6 times in total! Several of the Year 12 students used the experience to volunteer for their Gold Award in the Arts.

Local renowned Landscape Artist Belinda Reynell joined Mrs Williams and the Year 12 Fine Art Class to run an enrichment session to create imaginary landscapes. Working from imagination only, the students were challenged to be expressive and use colour and mark making rather than detail and observation as the focus for their work. Belinda was impressed at how our students threw themselves into a difficult task and embraced the challenge even though some had never painted in this way before.

The Great EGGsibition

Students and staff from Tiverton High School joined Blundell's in the Great EGGsibition this month. The challenge was to create a decorated innovative Easter Egg and thanks go to Mr Edwards and the kitchen staff for hard boiling 80 white eggs for us! This is a selection from the eggs received for the competition and a display of photographs is on display in the Dining Hall corridor. The Blundell's winning Egg was that submitted by Daisy and Tilly and their egg version of Mr Shrimpton, complete with paperclip glasses and briefcase! The winner from Tiverton High School was Katie in Year 7.



Sports

Kayaking

The paddlers campaign for Devizes to Westminster (DW) starts in September, with crews learning efficient forward paddling technique and being introduced to racing. When we go to Tarifa, Spain for December's winter training camp they progress onto the ocean, learning how to use waves, wind and tides to save energy, paddle efficiently and to enjoy the open water. They enjoy making their own risk assessments and choosing their own routes – resulting in an epic 18 mile downwind into the Straits of Gibraltar on the final day – a fabulous dose of Vitamin Sea care of the Zen Master Boyan, and the Surfski Centre Tarifa. The resulting video premiered in Latin Prayer and most PSHE lessons thereafter!

For the 3 crews that began the term heading for DW these skills proved to be vital when competing in the even-more-challenging-than-normal “warm-up” races, namely the Waterside and Thameside Series.

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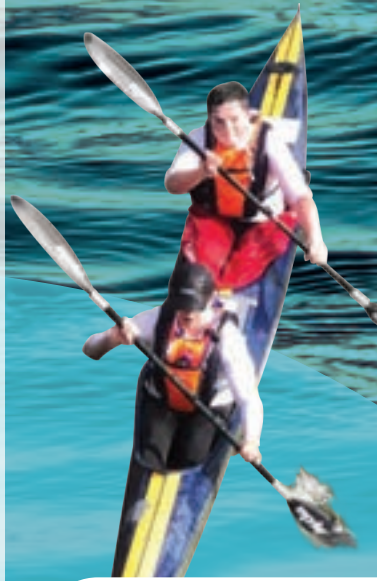
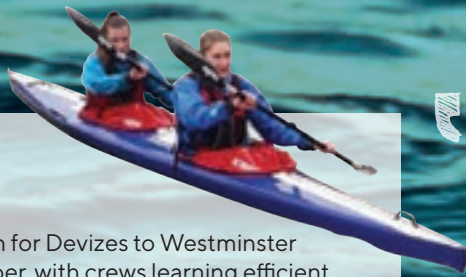
Waterside C was therefore the last test they took on, and our crews proved their mettle. 23 miles, 35 portages, a 400m pitch black tunnel, and the infamous mile long run at Croftons Beam Engine.

Duncan was responsible for recruiting this Yr. 12 team and he did it in a K1 (Kayak for one person). He came 5th in the junior men's race – a superb achievement not to be under-estimated. Honor and Max have utterly proven themselves as a top class crew, winning the junior mixed race. Honor and Max are the team's secret weapon. Toby and Isaac have followed in Dougal and Francis' paddle-strokes, and it is a huge shame that they were not able to prove to themselves what they could have achieved in DW.

With a professional and hugely supportive team of parents, highly trained and prepared for, DW 2020 will be, for many, the year that wasn't to be. But we are looking forward to getting out to the beach, to the surfski racing season and some restorative Vitamin Sea.

We do need to say a huge vote of thanks to our unsung Captains, Tilda and Jess. Quietly but steadfastly herding the team, on runs, in Circuits, in the Shed and riverside car parks, and setting the pace on the river. Jess and Tilda are natural leaders, and typical paddlers – strong, resourceful, independent, caring and funny. We will miss them and there is always a boat in the shed for when they are next passing and fancy a quick paddle to the White Bridge.

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Netball Success

What a brilliant way to end a fantastic season for the 1st and 2nd VII – 95 goals scored between them in their last matches. Well done girls!



India Cricket Tour

Day 1

After getting into the hotel at 3am, the lads were keen to head straight to bed and get some much-needed rest.

After breakfast the lads hit the pool and enjoyed a morning of spinners, with some interesting bowling and eye-catching batting on display.

Then it was time for lunch and an afternoon net session at the Oval Maidan. Here, the lads used this training to get acclimatised to the heat and sub-continent conditions at the same venue of our first game of the tour.

- Jack



Day 2

Another fantastic day in Mumbai!

We visited the belly of the beast. Gandhi's house/museum and then onto the gateway of India. Following this, we travelled to the cricket.

By 3pm, the pitch had been pretty baked, resulting in an absolute dust bowl. The layering of grass on top couldn't hide what was essentially a 4th day wicket.

Captain JB started strong with two quick boundaries, but got a tough decision from an umpire with a twitchy finger. Ibrahim and Tom batted aggressively, while Bucknell showed a bit of class to get us up to a respectable 162.

The spinners used the pitch to dry up the runs in the middle overs, before Coen and Hancock finished the game off with some great death bowling.

- George



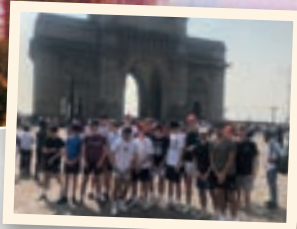
Day 3

The boys had another busy day with a 30 over game, spice market tour and an evening filled with ten pin bowling, cricket simulators and go karting. All finished off with pizzas and burgers.

The following match report is from Ben.

With a well-earned win in our opening game the boys were hoping to build the foundations of a solid start to the tour. With changes to the team including a new opening partnership and slightly altered bowling attack the Oval Maidan was an exciting place to be, as always. A stellar start from Troy and Ibrahim gave the team a great morale boost with Troy being very hard done by to have not taken the wickets of the openers and at the end of the innings finishing with 28-1 off 6 overs. Next was the turn of the spin twins of Ewan and Dom. They both finished with very admirable figures and left the batsmen in a spot of bother. Mentions to George and Joe for their efforts in the field. After 30 overs, Blundell's were left with a chase of 188. Any score was going to be a struggle to chase in the unforgiving Mumbai conditions. Jack and Will opened the batting and started off convincingly but Blundell's lost by 57 runs to a well-trained and disciplined side.

- Ben



Day 4

"Today started again with an early start to travel to the Maidan Oval for our 3rd and final game in Mumbai. The boys didn't put enough runs on the board resulting in a 7 wicket loss. The standout performances coming from Tom with the bat and Ben with the ball.

We also donated some new cricket equipment bought with the money raised throughout the winter. This was given to a local club to support their junior sections.

They then headed to Dharavi slum to engage in a different walk of life for many people living in India and the boys were definitely interested, surprised and shocked. With over a million people living in two kilometres squared it was definitely something that a lot of them have never seen before.

Eventually, they headed back to the hotel for a quick turnaround before heading to Mr Merchant's house (the father of an Old Blundellian) for dinner. Thank you to him for his incredible hospitality. A brilliant end to another great day."

- Tobin



Day 5

Travelling to Goa in preparation for the 4th fixture.



Day 6

Day six was another successful one for the boys. After a thorough inspection, George dubbed the pitch 'green mamba'. The game was underway with a scrumptious innings from Will making 83, knocking the ball to all ends of the ground and making the bowlers look silly. Harrison making a cool 36 supported Buckers brilliantly. Overall a solid fielding performance only allowed them to score 193-9. They headed back to the hotel for a rest and a walk around Goa.

- Dom



Day 7

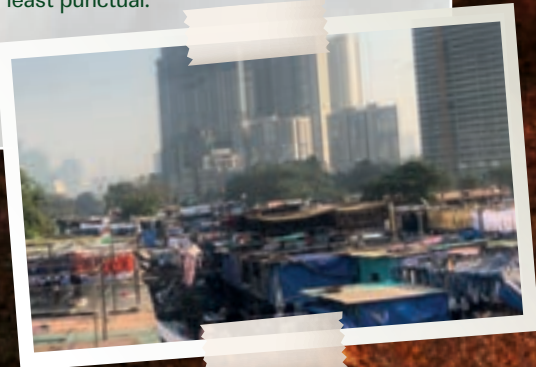
Day 7 was a beach day, with the boys playing lots of beach cricket and playing in the small surf. After a busy morning swimming, the boys had lunch at their adopted local beach shack before enjoying the afternoon sunshine. A few of the boys ventured out to the neighbouring Calangute in Tuk Tuk's to do some shopping before heading back to the hotel for a swim in the pool and then evening meal. An early night was needed in preparation for the final tour at BITS Pilani.



Day 8

The Blundell's boys set off early in the morning once again to embark on our final fixture of the tour. They fielded their strongest side to combat the U19 side from Goa, giving the young guns the day off. With variable bounce and consistent bowling, the boys struggled to get above the rate. Skipper Jack was easily the best batsman of the day with a high score of 60 runs, with the lower order chipping in for a total of 134-6. After lunch the boys were on the hunt for wickets. The opposition got on the front foot early on with 50 runs off the first 4 overs, but Troy managed to find the edge of two of their batsmen with two lovely deliveries. After not taking the new ball, Joe released his frustration with some serious snot box action and well executed yorkers. The opposition just got over the line, much to the enjoyment of the large crowd that had gathered.

After a long day in the sun, the boys relaxed in the pool and had some downtime. In the evening we went for our final team meal at a local restaurant which gave the boys a bit of a break from the curry dominant buffet at the hotel. Joe, Jack and Joe conducted an end of tour awards ceremony which included most sunburnt, best personality on tour and least punctual.



Day 9

The final full day in Goa was spent relaxing on one of Goa's beautiful beaches. Returning to "our local" shack and set up camp for the day. The boys had an opportunity to unwind, relax and get ready for the 20 hour journey back to Blundell's!

I would like to thank all of the boys as they were superb ambassadors for the school throughout the tour. In addition, it was great to have the support of so many parents of current and Old Blundellian's. Mr Merchant and Miss Singh's incredible generosity throughout our tour really enhanced the boys' experience and we are hugely grateful. We had a fantastic tour which the boys benefitted a huge amount in terms of their cricketing development but more importantly it exposed all of the tour party to new cultures and experiences that will live with us for the rest of our lives. A big thank you our sponsors The Oil Hut and Solicitors Thompson & Jackson Solicitors.

Mr L Lewis & Mr R Holman

T H E 2 0 2 0 R U S S E L L O R U N

With the perfect storm of torrential weather, fields being closed, new routes, and fallen trees blocking Heartbreak, the 140th running of the Russell was always going to be fun. It proved to be an excellent day with a high-level of competition between the top runners in all the houses. We had well over 500 runners out in the mud on Saturday, and each race created its own story. As everyone who ran around the course can attest to – it was brutal conditions. This was the culmination of three Russell races across the term, and the fact that almost every pupil has contributed shows a lot for what being a Blundellian is.

The School House had a taste of what's to come with a slightly different course, but still involving the knee-deep mud, with great performances all round. The Junior boys competition this year was dominated by a very strong Old House team, led by Ben, however, the Petergate boys came very close to beating them on Saturday. With the Russell it is not just about those in the top 10, you need depth throughout to be overall winners, and Gorton House certainly proved this in 2020, being led brilliantly by Beth in Year 10. They made sure their mid-table runners had strong performances ensuring the win overall. The Senior girl's competition was close, and with The Hockey girls missing in action in the first two races, this certainly had an effect overall. Megan is now one of the few girls to be able to say they have won the Junior and Senior races – a phenomenal accomplishment. Gorton House again showed excellent team depth, but North Close came within one place of taking the Junior cup this year. The Senior boys again came down to strength in depth, and Petergate proved that they are, again, the best Senior boys house. A phenomenal run from Harry has seen him rocket from being 41st in Year 9, to now winning the Russell in 2020. With Old House and Gorton House winning the cumulative points cups again, the challenge is now laid down for next year for the other houses to pry the cups away from this stronghold.



Celebrating 140 years

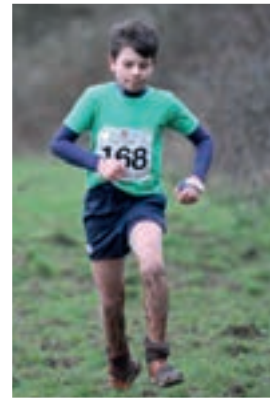
To help celebrate the 140th Russell Run at Blundell's School we hosted a Pasta Party the night prior to the race. Over 50 Old Blundellians, parents and pupils attended the event. The Head, Bart Wielenga welcomed our guests and he gave a terrific overview of how the Russell has become a much-loved event at the hearts of our Blundellians (but also equally detested by some as well!)

An archive display of Russell Run memorabilia including the Russell Run Trophy and list of winners was also on display at the event. The group dined on a two-course pasta dinner including seafood linguini, beef and pork cannelloni & wild mushroom tortellini, followed by a cheese and tiramisu course.

Over 75 Old Blundellians, parents and prep school pupils showed up the following day to take part in either the Open (9.1km or 5.6 miles) or Fun Run (3.4km or 2 miles) which was our biggest turn out yet! The course was terribly muddy and unfortunately, on the day, some of the course needed to be re-jigged in order to avoid some of the seriously muddy land.

Although the race is 143 years old, we celebrated the 140th Run as the race was cancelled three times since its start in 1877. In 1891, the run was cancelled due to a blizzard, in 1917 on the advice of the medical officer and again in 1932 due to an outbreak of scarlet fever.





A very big well done to all who ran – by far the most runners out on the course ever. The weather did not dampen the Blundellian spirit. The Westlakians who can now smile in the knowledge that they never have to run the Russell fields again, can hopefully look back on the experience knowing that they were involved in a part of Blundell's history.

As always, a huge thankyou to everyone involved, especially the staff on the day who marshalled and helped on the finish line. Mr Morrison has, again, shown his technical genius and worked tirelessly on Saturday to get the results organised and published. Mr Lecharpentier has helped set the course and with the results, and Mr Flower saved the day by cutting up the tree to open up Heartbreak! Well done to all.

A huge thanks goes to Mr Graham Baily for all his hard work in arranging The Russell.



Investec Girls' Schools Championships

This term saw the continuation of Girls' Hockey, as the Under 18 team played the later stages of the England Hockey Investec Plate competition.

January saw numerous lunchtime sessions as the girls managed to juggle mock examinations, netball and hockey. We played King's High from Warwick – an all-girls school with numbers far higher than ours. In an exciting game for the watching crowd, we came from behind to win 4-3 and progress to the quarter finals. Another home tie saw us play Dautsey's School, again in front of a noisy crowd. After conceding early, we once again got ourselves back in the game, going onto secure a 3-1 win. That results saw us return to Lee Valley for the first time since 2017; for the majority it was a first trip to the Olympic Park.

The girls played Kent College in the semi-final. We took control of the game early on, with goals from Alice and Katie. After half time, Kent College came back into the game, scoring a penalty stroke to make it 2-1 before Kitty scored to make it 3-1. Kent then scored to make it 3-2, before scoring a stunning breakaway goal through their England U18 forward to make it 3-3. However, with the final action of the game, Alice converted her second to give us the win with just 15s left on the clock.

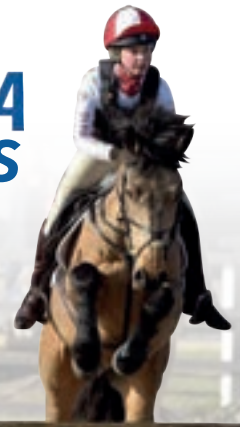
The final against Haileybury was played in sleet and snow, with conditions making playing incredibly tough. Haileybury took the lead from a corner early on, before Alice equalised from our own corner. Haileybury then converted another corner to take it to 2-1 at half time. After half time, Haileybury scored an excellent turnover goal to go 3-1. We responded quickly, with Betty scoring a great reverse stick strike to make it 3-2. Haileybury scored a 4th soon after from a lucky deflection that the goal scorer knew nothing about. Alice scored again to make it 4-3. Despite the girls' best efforts and missing the post by fractions and having a corner on time, we just couldn't find the equaliser.

Second place was an amazing achievement and the final was the first time they had lost since September 17th. There were England players on show throughout the Tier 2 and 3 finalists, reflecting the standard of this competition.

The girls were great ambassadors throughout. I would like to thank the girls for their efforts, Mr Mead for his amazing organisational work, Mr Jones for the extra coaching support and all the pupils and staff at school for their support.



**NSEA
EVENTS**



The Blundell's Equestrian team have competed at NSEA events throughout the Spring Term. Our teams have travelled to Bicton Arena, Kings Sedgemoor Equestrian Centre and Pontispool Equestrian Centre, where they have successfully participated in Show Jumping and Arena Eventing. Teams and individuals have qualified for several Championships this year, notably Hartpury, Gloucestershire, Hickstead and Addington.

Lessons are held weekly at Tim Cheffings Downe Farm Equestrian Centre. Tim is an international event rider and our students are able to have lessons and use his fantastic facilities, which include an indoor school when the weather is inclement, a large outdoor arena with many show jumps and eventing style jumps. There are also cross country training fields when the ground is dry.

The School is aiming to run a One Day Event at Pontispool Equestrian Centre, Taunton on 27th September 2020. To enable this to happen, the parents of our Equestrian teams have come together and created a committee who are working hard together to be able to put on this prestigious event.

If you or your company would be interested in being a sponsor at the One Day Event, we have many opportunities available including an advert in our programme, a banner in the ring or at a fence, sponsored rosettes & prizes and many others. Sponsorship packages start from as little as £50+VAT.

The ODE sponsorship information can be found on the Corporate Sponsorship area of the Development Office.
https://www.blundells.org/devoffice/site/giving_sponsorship.htm

Click Here
for a sponsorship form

For any equestrian related enquiries please email equestrian@blundells.org



DEVON COUNTY RUGBY SEVENS

It is hard to believe, but on the 11th March Blundell's managed to host the Devon County U14 and U15 Cup for Sevens. All the winning schools from the regional competitions that had been held earlier in the term, descended on to Athletic and Amory fields. It is great credit to the Blundell's ground staff that we managed to put on a tournament where we hosted 16 schools. Although the fields were heavy going in places, those of us who were lucky enough to attend were treated to some excellent sevens, especially from the two Blundell's sides. Both of whom ran out eventual winners.

Both the U14 and U15 squads have worked hard all term to develop a style of rugby that is definitely entertaining to watch, if incredibly hard on the lungs and legs! The strength in depth of the squads really helped as it was possible to rotate players and offer rest periods during the matches.

This was especially important for the U15's who were in a round-robin format, where every game counted and the score differential might be important come the end of the competition. Their performances' against Crediton and Torquay Boys were real stand out matches, with their defensive energy pushed to the limit. On a number of occasions someone cover tackled to deny the opposition a seemingly certain try. From the tackle we scrambled to turn the ball over and then took the fight out of the opposition by turning defence into attack and playing back up the length of the field to score ourselves.

The U14's final was a hard fought and tense affair, with Uffculme putting up some really tough and uncompromising opposition. It would have been easy for heads to drop when the side went a score down early on, which was very much against the run of play. But the whole squad responded brilliantly and played their way back into the game and eventually gained a dominant lead that they managed to hold onto.

Across the two squads, the work ethic and work rate in attack and defence was exceptional. There were moments when the ball was offloaded out of the tackle in a style very reminiscent of the great Fijian sides. Something that is only possible if every member of the team is putting maximum effort in.

With the unfortunate news that Rosslyn Park is cancelled this year, it was a great way for the two squads of players to finish their season off. The title of County Champions was a just reward for their efforts, which has seen them battle some of the worst weather conditions we've experienced in a long time.

Simon Johnson
Head of Rugby



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Extra Curricular

Field Day 2020

Spring Field Day saw a variety of Activities being conducted across the school, Year 9 conducted a variety of team building and outdoor activities at Hay Tor, Year 10 completed DofE expeditions in Tiverton and on Dartmoor and an educational visit to the Bovington Tank Museum and the 'Tommy in the Trenches' exhibition. Year 11 had a day of STEM activities exploring how STEM impacts across several sectors of society, the Army visited to show how the military uses STEM in development of equipment, a visit to SUPACAT and the variety of all-terrain vehicle development, and also a visit to Musgrove Park Hospital and the importance of STEM in the medical industry. Year 12 conducted a series of activities for the local community, hosting several groups from the local area and using the school facilities to give a fun filled day of activities. Year 13 completed structured A level

preparation, the main focus was on revision though groups did manage to complete a couple of field trips including a geography trip and chemistry students attended an in-school activity 'Spectroscopy in a Suitcase'. Other trips included Ten Tors training completing an overnight expedition on Dartmoor, Classic students visiting the Troy exhibition in London, and musicians went to Woking for a London Choir Orchestra Workshop. So a fairly packed day providing a variety of activities and life experience. Year 7 and 8 trips that were postponed will be completed early next term.



Community Engagement Day

Our 2nd Annual Engagement Day was held on field day and was a tremendous success. This year we welcomed around 60 visitors all from local primary schools and our pupils along with staff support planned and delivered a wide range of workshops. All the workshops planned were specifically designed for young children with SEND. I was ever so proud of all our Y12s and very thankful to all the staff who assisted me on the day. We plan to build upon the two days in future.



Charity

The school strategy now is to support a few key charities so that we can better engage and have greater impact by give larger amounts to these charities. Last term the students were asked to identify charities that they would like to support. From this, the School Charity Committee has chosen 3 of these charities which we will support:



CHAT (Churches Housing Action Team) - Devon based charity deals with homelessness and housing issues which is celebrating it's 25th year.



Force is a local cancer charity offering support to anyone effected by in the Exeter, Okehampton, Tiverton & Honiton areas.

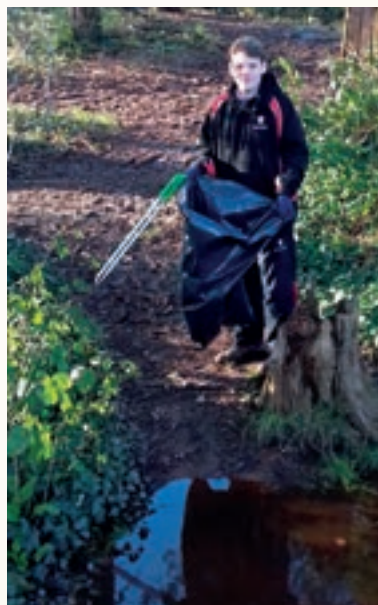


DS Active is a national charity which provides as many opportunities as possible for people with Down's syndrome to lead active and healthy lives.

Duke of Edinburgh

Year 9s completed their Duke of Edinburgh at Tiverton Adventure Park.

Although no funds were raised at this event, the students gave back to community by cleaning and pruning the area for the young people of Tiverton.



PRE-LOVED CLOTHES SALE



On Wednesday 22nd January the Charity Committee held a Preloved sale of clothing. This is where students donated unwanted items of clothing and bought something new with the added bonus of not having any adverse impact on the environment. Over £200 was raised for the school charities. Hospicecare was then delighted with the donation of the good quality clothes left behind.



MOVIE NIGHT

Sixth former, Savannah, organised a movie night to raise funds to send to Wildlife Vistoria to help the devastation caused by the Australian Bush Fires. Savannah led a very passionate and hard hitting Chapel service this week about the situation in Australia and the destruction the fires have caused. She raised over £250 for this charity.



MASTERCHEF

With the help of our amazing catering team, a group of our Year 7's hosted a Dinner Party for their parents. The evening was a huge success and a great experience for all involved. Please see page 3 for the full article.



VALENTINES SWEET SALE

North Close a huge amount with their sale of Loveheart sweets on Valentines day.



Blundell's Community

Development Office & Old Blundellian Club Working Together to Support our Community Amidst COVID-19

In these unprecedented times it has been heartening to see the Blundell's spirit shine through in the face of adversity, some might say this resilience was instilled when having to run the Russell as pupils!

The Development Office and Old Blundellian Club are here to support you in any manner we can during the ever-changing situation we find ourselves in. As such, we shall be taking the opportunity to phone those in our Blundell's Community who may be more isolated or vulnerable than others, to ensure all is well and to offer a friendly voice. Please do inform either the Development Office or Old Blundellian Club if you know of individuals in the Blundell's Community who would appreciate this support or if you would like to register for a call yourself (or opt out of a call).

Thank you to those who have been in touch over the last few months. We have enjoyed hearing all the positive things that you and your families have been up to. Please do continue to pick up the phone, email or write to us – stay in touch.

We are also grateful to the School in their efforts to ensure our pupils and staff are taken care of at this time. The School's response to this situation has been truly incredible and if you had the opportunity to see what has gone on in the background to keep our pupils and staff safe, while providing a comprehensive learning environment, you would be proud to call yourself a Blundellian.

Changes to Upcoming Events - *Keeping Our Community & Pupils Safe*

In response to the uncertainty around the coronavirus, along with government guidelines, the Development Office and Old Blundellian Club have decided to regrettably postpone or cancel some of our upcoming events, with the intention to run some of these at a later date if possible. A full list of event postponements and cancellations are in the back for reference.

We are very grateful to those of you who support our events and would like to take the opportunity to reassure you that we will continue to offer a diverse program of events for our community when the situation permits.

Until the time when we can all come together at such an event, please do be reassured that we are at the end of the phone or email and ready to support you in any way we can. We trust you will all stay safe and remember that as members of the Blundell's community we are all part of a unique and supportive group who should take the time to stay connected and reach out to those in need.

Development Office Welcomes Linda

We would also like to welcome Linda Bulpin to the Development Office team, I'm sure many of you will get to know her as she settles into her new role as Events and Development Coordinator. Originally from Devon, with her immediate family still living in Axminster where she went to school. Linda's previous employment include being a Charity Coordinator at the Skydiving School in Dunkeswell and an Events and Alumni Coordinator at the National Film and Television School in Beaconsfield.

Two of Linda's proudest moments so far have been undertaking the London Marathon and trekking to Everest Base Camp, therefore I'm sure you will be seeing Linda running at the next Russell!



Annual Fund 2020

We have received some very generous donations over the last few months that will make a significant impact, changing the lives of children by giving them an opportunity to have a Blundell's education and enhancing the learning environment of the School for all to benefit. The pupils and the School are extremely grateful to you for this support.

If you would like to join those in the Blundell's Community who have already donated towards the school or pledged a gift in their Will, we would be enormously grateful. Please see the attached Annual Fund leaflet with further details of how to donate, alternatively if you would like to learn more please contact the Development Office.

We would also like to pass on our gratitude to **The Oil Hut** and **Thompson & Jackson Solicitors** for their kind sponsorship of the Blundell's School cricket tour to India. (See further details about the tour on pages 10-11)

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Donation Supports Year 6 Jersey Tour

On behalf of the Year 6 pupils at the Prep School, we would like to thank an anonymous donor for their donation which allowed the Prep School to purchase shirts for their 2020 tour of Jersey. The tour is one of the highlights in the school calendar for our Year 6 Pupils. The tour was a huge success with pupils taking part in rugby, netball and hockey games.

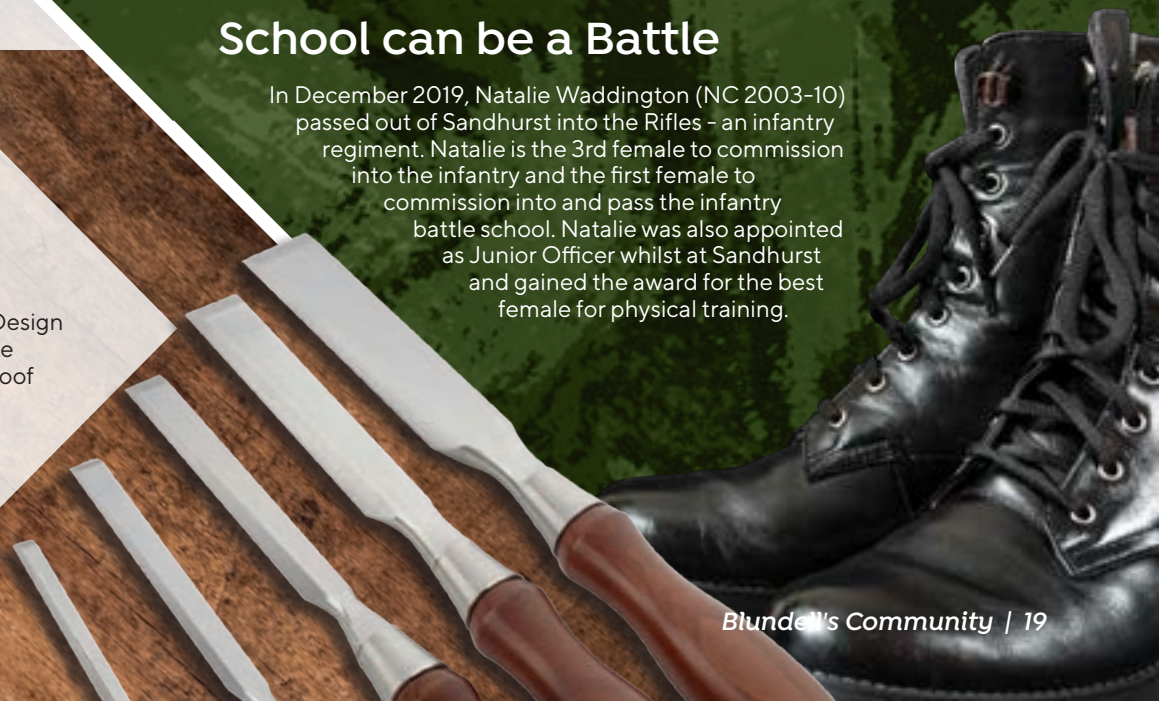


Donation to the DT Department

Many thanks to John Howell (M 1949-52) for his very generous donation of a fully functioning lathe to the DT Department. Having undergone significant refurbishment this summer, the new and improved Design & Technology building is complete with a sustainable solar paneled roof and the lathe is a very welcome addition to the equipment available for the students from Year 7 through to 13.

School can be a Battle

In December 2019, Natalie Waddington (NC 2003-10) passed out of Sandhurst into the Rifles - an infantry regiment. Natalie is the 3rd female to commission into the infantry and the first female to commission into and pass the infantry battle school. Natalie was also appointed as Junior Officer whilst at Sandhurst and gained the award for the best female for physical training.



Euan Friend Varsity Match

Euan Friend (FH 2011-16) started for Oxford in the Varsity Match against Cambridge at Twickenham this year. He is the 18th Old Blundellian to play in the Varsity Match and the 11th Old Blundellian to don the Dark Blue of Oxford. Euan was the 'Loose Head Prop' for the team.

His selection in the front row came as a bit of a shock, given he played, with his twin brother Arthur Friend (OH 2011-16), in the back division for the Independent Schools Invitation side, the Lambs, on their South American tour in 2016. He played in the back row in his first two years at Oxford and asked head coach James Wade if he could convert to prop in the summer.

The Oxford coach, James Wade said; "Euan came to us as a wing forward and is a very talented player. He's normally a very quiet lad, but he came up to me in the gym in the summer and asked if he could convert to prop. That never happens normally. I told him that wouldn't be a problem and so I gave him a baptism by fire in Japan."

Wade added; "When I saw the size of him, I just started laughing. But Euan got his head down, learned from the experience and has just got better and better. He wanted to get a Blue, was prepared to do almost anything for it and has earned his chance – that epitomises what the Oxford players are prepared to do." While at Oxford, Euan is studying Earth Sciences at University College, and has bulked up to 14st 6lbs ready for the challenges as Prop.

The news of his selection for Oxford came a few days after Barrie Karea (OH 2016-18), now studying at Cardiff Met University, and Sam Maunder (FH 2002-18), who is at Exeter University, were both named in the 32-man elite training squad for England U20 for the 2020 U20 Six Nations championship. Sam was later named captain for the squad.

Euan, Barrie and Sam have all made a mark in the rugby world, proving Blundell's continues to produce rugby players of the highest calibre.



Former pupil turns Beekeeper in Tiverton

I never expected I would become a beekeeper but after watching a piece on Gardeners World, I wanted to find out more. I spoke to a family friend who is a local beekeeper and he let me help out with his hives for about a year. At the end of 2017, to my delight, he gave me my first colony and I've been busy with bees ever since!

After the long-wet winter, life has returned to the hive and the bees can be seen at the hive entrance, venturing out to collect early season pollen. Inside the hive, hopefully the queen will have started laying and bee numbers should be increasing. To ensure the new mouths have enough food, sugar paste has been provided. As soon as temperatures increase, with any luck towards the end of the month (to over 15 degrees), it will be possible to look inside the hive and do an inspection. This is an important time to check the queen is laying, to observe the general health of the colony, and to make plans for the season ahead.

Outside the hive, preparations are in hand for the honey season, it's a very busy time. The 'Supers' which are additional hive layers containing 12 waxed frames where the honey will be stored, need to be made ready. These will be required as the hives expand through the spring and summer, when the honey is being produced and bee numbers swell to around 40,000.

Beekeepers are always optimistic at this time of year, and despite the gloomy winter, I have high hopes for an abundance of honey this season. The honey will be ready in late August and the Blundell's Community is welcome to buy direct when ready. You can contact the Development Office or Mrs Berry in the Music Department for details.

Charlie Berry
Prep 2003-12



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New Comedy Series Starring OB Natalie Dew

Natalie Dew (CH 1998-05) leads the cast in a new original 3-part comedy mini-series playing 'Emily Verma.' Her character makes a very reluctant return home to 'Sandylands' after her father is declared lost at sea after a 'pedalo' last rented by him washes ashore covered in blood. The sit-com was filmed in Weston-Super-Mare and features other famous faces such as David Walliams, Hugh Bonneville, Simon Bird and Sanjeev Bhaskar plus many more. The mini-series is due out on Gold later this year.

Natalie joined Blundell's in 1998 as a Foundation Scholar and after leaving in 2005 was offered a place at the highly competitive Guildhall School of Music & Drama in London. In recent years, Natalie has become known for her roles in Bodyguard, Peter Rabbit and Gavin and Stacey.



Dom Bess

Old Blundellian Dom Bess (FH 2010-15) who featured in our last Diary, having visited the School to give a cricket masterclass to current pupils, was part of the England cricket team that toured to South Africa at the start of the year.

Dom Bess is the third-youngest England spinner (after Pat Pocock and Underwood) to take a Test five-for.

Dom, who is an off spinner, took the first three wickets to fall, adding to the two he took two days before, to reduce the home side to 109-5 in response to England's 499-9 declared. We would like to congratulate Dom on a fantastic performance and wish him all the best for the future.



Ladies Lunch

Our 4th Annual Ladies Lunch welcomed guest speaker, Lisa Tregale (GH 1991-93) (nee Warren). Lisa is the Director of BBC National Orchestra and Chorus. She spoke to the group about the importance of music in our lives and the lives of our children. She spoke to a sold-out audience. We will be hosting the 5th Ladies Lunch next year and book in fast, the event has been a sell-out 2 years in a row!



Winter Lunch 2019

Vic Marks (FH 1968-1973) sports journalist and former professional cricketer, drew a large gathering from the Blundell's Community, to one of the increasingly popular Winter Lunches hosted by the OB Club. They were entertained by listening to him talk on his misadventures in cricket, a topic based on his recent publication 'Original Spin'.



"The warm welcome was no surprise. The Beale Centre was buzzing with Old Blundellians of various generations and somehow, magically, Janet and her team concocted and delivered a delicious lunch for everyone. They all behaved impeccably as I rambled on about cricket at Blundell's and beyond and quite a few even bought a copy of Original Spin, some memoirs which appeared last summer. It was lovely to catch up with some familiar faces including some old members of staff like Douglas Rice, Charles Noon, Peter Dickinson and Jerry Salter, who don't appear to have aged at all since retiring. I enjoyed it and I hope everyone else did as well..."

Vic Marks
FH 1968-1973





25th Anniversary of the Ted Crowe Room

The OB Box at Somerset Cricket Club is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. The original project was largely funded by Sir Christopher Ondaatje (P 1947-51) and overseen by Old Blundellian and Former Master, Ted Crowe (FH 1943-46) after which the box is named. It has a wonderful position looking down on the ground and is one of the largest boxes being able to accommodate up to 40 members and guests. It is open for all home matches and provides a bar, tea, coffee and light refreshments. By arrangement, lunches can be offered but there are many food outlets which are available within the ground. The box can also be let out for other events such as 'Book Launches'. It is an excellent venue to meet friends whilst watching some of the best cricket and cricketers in the world. The box has a TV linked to Sky and the SCCC home channel. Blundell's has a long association with Somerset on and off the field with Dom Bess (FH 2010-15) currently playing. Former players also include Vic Marks (FH 1968-73), Terry Barwell (Former Staff 1977-99), Liam Lewis (OH 2001-05 & Staff Member) and Rob Turner (Former Somerset Player & Former Staff). The box is administered by a small committee of OBs and an excellent Steward who ensures the smooth running of the facility.

We also have a reciprocal arrangement with Warwickshire where we are invited to use their box at Edgbaston when Somerset are playing.

We have a Facebook page and a monthly newsletter to keep our members informed of current events.

The annual membership is £30 and further details can be found on the OB website under The Ted Crowe Room. If you would be interested in joining, please contact Ali Deighton Gibson (Former Staff 1981-16) aliandpenny@gmail.com or David Dibb tedcroweroom@gmail.com

Ted Crowe Room - FAQ

Who can be a member?	Any OB, current/former staff or parents by arrangement.
How much does it cost?	The subscription is £30 per annum.
When do I have to pay and how?	We ideally like payment by April 1st and this can be paid at the box, by cheque or by direct debit.
Can I bring guests?	As a member you can bring guests at a cost of £5 each for most games but there is a restriction of three for T20 matches.
Do I have to contact the box before my visit?	Yes. To avoid disappointment, it is always advisable to contact the steward to ensure availability.
Do I have to be a member of Somerset?	No, but you will need to have a ground entry ticket before coming to the box.
How do I know what game is on?	Simply go to the Somerset website or check the FB page.
What games are played?	County Championship (4 days) Royal London 50 Overs (1day) T20, The Hundred, Women's Cricket, World Cup games.
Is there a dress code?	We ask that people dress appropriately i.e. smart casual so as not to cause offence to other members.
Is there Wi-Fi?	There is free Wi-Fi in the box.
Can I bring my own food and drink?	Somerset have strict guidelines and all food and drink consumed in the box must be bought there.

Old Blundellian 1996 Reunion

The OB Club were delighted to host a Class of 1996 Reunion, inspired by James Rhys-Davies (SH 1991-96). A select few gathered with their families for an informal lunch in the Beale Centre, followed by watching the 1st X1 on Big Field. This followed an intimate dinner in the Beale Centre catered by Old Blundellian Secretary, Janet. All who attended had a wonderful time and we hope to initiate something again in the future.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Ricky Parker (FH 1994-01)

What are you doing now?

I work for Bespoke Financial Guidance as a Financial Advisor as well as an Estate Planning Consultant.

What inspired you to enter your profession?

I'm a Financial Advisor and I've always been interested in investments and the financial markets and have always enjoyed helping people. So now as a financial advisor it combines these two elements to enable me to get a huge sense of job satisfaction when helping clients establish a financial plan based on their needs and objectives.

Have you had any setbacks in your life?

I decided to start a building company for two reasons, firstly because of my interest in the property development industry and secondly to support my brother-in-law who is a builder. However, after having a horrendous accident on-site which led to him having a lower leg amputation, it was an opportunity to support him whilst committing to pursuing my interest full time.

How do you spend your time now?

Most of my time is spent working but also trying to transform our overgrown jungle of a woodland garden into playground not just for our daughter and her little friends, but also for the local wildlife. I still play sport and watch as much as I can although never as much as I'd like!

What/who is your motivation?

My late father is a constant source of motivation but also my family in general. My wife and daughter provide a daily dose of motivation to become a better person and to enjoy life.

Favourite memory of your time at Blundell's?

Being a part of some fantastic sport's teams with good mates playing hard and competitively but almost always having a lot of fun whilst doing it.

What was your favourite Blundell's lunch/dinner?

Fish and chips on a Saturday from the local fish and chip shop in town!!



What are your memories of studying at Blundell's?

Some of the teachers stood out in particular. I'll never forget being taught by Mr Noon and having to duck the odd bit of chalk being thrown at you; or Mr Randall and the music he played whilst we took an in-class French test (Bowie most frequently); or Ms Burrows trying to extract any dramatic talent out of a group of us which resulted in a slightly shades of blue shadow puppet show.

If you could get one thing on the School menu what would it be?

Pad Thai.

Announcements



Eddie Frappart

Born on 7th January 2020. The son of Emily and Tom Frappart (DT Teacher), is a healthy and happy little boy with more hair than his father!

Congratulations!

On Christmas Eve of 2019, Ellen Fernando (GH 2001-08) and Mark Biss became engaged to one another. We're all wishing them both the absolute best.



THE ECO-FRIENDLY FUTURE OF THE DIARY

As part of our commitment to creating a more sustainable future, we have been looking at the amount of paper used across the School. Since the Diary began in 2007, we have been responsible for felling 649 trees which placed shoulder to shoulder would cover 3.4 miles or span 29 times the length of Big Field!

To create a more sustainable future we have decided to produce the Diary in electronic format and will switch across in the December 2020 edition. We will automatically send you the Diary online unless we hear from you.

If you wish to continue receiving a hard copy
then please contact the Development Office on:

01884 232324 or devoffice@blundells.org

www.blundells.org/devofficeupdate

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Forthcoming Events

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak we are unable to confirm which events will be going ahead and when our schedule is due to return to normal.

» Postponed

✗ Cancelled

👥 Social Event

April 2020

24th
FRI



1604 Society Lunch

Victory Services Club, London. Development Office

May 2020

15th
FRI



London Drinks Reception

hosted by OB John Ludgate (M 1954-59) at HMS President / Development Office

21st-23rd
THUR - SAT



Devon County Show & Reception

Reception in Blundell's tent on Day 1 of event at 12.30pm / Development Office

NEW DATE
28-30th August

June 2020

4th-6th
THUR - SAT



Royal Cornwall Show

Development Office

NEW DATE
10-12th September

13th
SAT



Old Blundellian Day

OB Club

29th
MON



Take a Seat

Reception for donors / Development Office

July 2020

25th
SAT



Mid Devon Show

Development Office

Save the Dates



Alumni Race London, 12 December

The next Alumni race will be held in London on 12 December. Each year, Blundell's enters a team of runners to compete and each year we come closer and closer to placing in various categories. Please contact the Development Office if you would like to join the team, all abilities welcome.

1950's & 60's Old Blundellian Reunion Big School, Sunday 11th October

On Sunday 11th October, we will host a reunion for Old Blundellians who attended the school in the 1950's & 1960's. There will be an optional Chapel Service in the morning followed by Sunday lunch. An Archive display will also be on show in the Big School. Please save this date and invites will be sent out in September. Thank you, Mark Summers (NC 1954-59) for suggesting this event.



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