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BELL BEDGEBURY INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Introduction by Head of BBIS

I am very pleased indeed to introduce Bell Bedgebury International School's first newsletter. The school has grown this term to forty-three students representing eighteen different nationalities and as you will see from the articles here, it has also grown considerably in the range of activities they have taken part in. I hope that this newsletter, which we hope to produce on a regular basis from now on, will help parents, guardians and agents to keep in touch with school events. As one student said recently "School is more than just lessons" (important though they are!)

By Mr E Squires

A visit to the BBC

On Tuesday 14th October some BBIS students went with their EFL teachers – Mr Coulter and Miss Young - to the BBC News Centre in Tunbridge Wells, where the South-East news is recorded. There, we made a tour throughout the site, including a visit to the offices, the multimedia studio and the gallery, where we watched a rehearsal of the lunch time news. We were also divided into groups and introduced to different workers who gave us a brief explanation of what they do there.



Welcome!



Welcome to the very first newsletter from Bell Bedgebury International School. This newsletter is written by staff and students so parents may read about the activities happening in our school. It will also be a reminder for students of their time studying at Bedgebury. I hope you enjoy reading our publication.

Here are the students' own reports about their experiences:

We were introduced to a criminal journalist. He talked about some stories he was dealing with and explained how they put the news together – according to him, there is a "timetable" where it is written what the news presenters should say and for how long, and that anyone within the building can access it. We were also impressed by how complicated it is to record the news – while we were at the BBC everybody seemed to have important things to do and important people to talk to.

Written By Maria Braz and Carmen Munoz

We noticed that being a news presenter is a very complicated job, because you have to listen to two different people talking to you while you read and say something else. We also noticed that working in the news business is a very difficult job because while we were there we could see that everyone was doing something and that every one had an important job to do.

Written by Matheus Cunha and Nicholas Ostlund



Afnan explains the weather and Christina reads the news

There were ten students on the trip. We were all divided into small groups. Our groups were accompanied by our EFL teachers: Mr Coulter and Ms Young.

We were asked to occupy our seats on the back of the studio sofa. The technical co-ordinator gave us headphones and we were able to listen to the instructions given by the producer in the studio gallery to Cary, the news presenter and weather forecaster.

We were watching how they were presenting the news. The most exciting thing in their work was that they had to pay attention to the instructions, in spite of speaking and changing the graphics.

The BBC news centre made a deep impact on us. We enjoyed the trip very much and we would like to visit this wonderful place once again.

Written by Christina Zen and Afnan Meeran

In conclusion, our trip to the BBC was very educational and we learned a lot of things about the news business – going from how they make the stories to how the news is recorded. We also were amazed that even though they had a lot of work to do, the people at BBC were very kind and always helpful with us.

Written by Maria Braz

Activities

After school activities are now running every evening at Bedgebury. Pupils can join a wide range of clubs and these have proved popular with all pupils. On Mondays there is a choice of learning computer animation (including Flash) with Mrs Craycraft, or joining the School Band with Mr Brown. They could even explore the countryside with the Countryside Club, run by Dr Grant. On Tuesdays pupils are practising for the school pantomime "Cinderella", ably directed by Mrs Kirk and Mrs Taylor. On Wednesday pupils can be active by playing Badminton in the Sports Hall with Mrs Denny and Mr Shillabeer or our younger pupils can take the bus into Tunbridge Wells. On Thursday our older students have their opportunity to visit Tunbridge Wells to do a spot of shopping or can learn about English Culture with Mr Leech. Friday is by far the busiest evening with a Singing and Piano club with Mr Massey, Creative Writing with Mr Shillabeer, Scottish Dancing and learning to play the Recorder with Mr Ness or even learning to dance with Mrs Brown. A very busy week of activities on offer and some new ones next term!

Pantomime

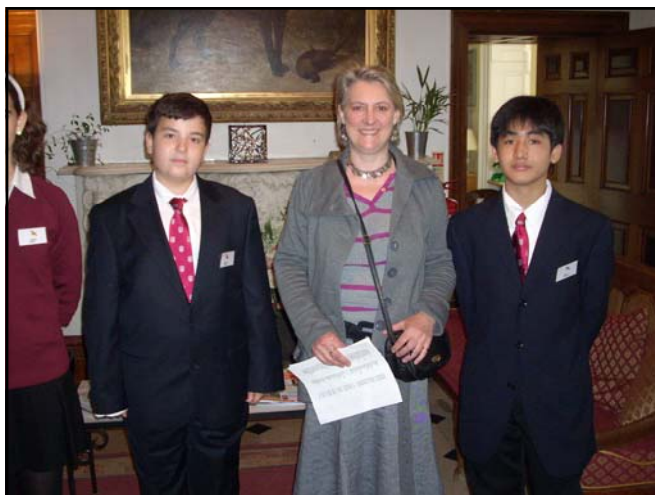
Students are learning their lines and rehearsing hard for the pantomime Cinderella, to be performed to the rest of the school on 8th December, 2008. Pictures in next term's newsletter!

After the pantomime, students will attend the school Christmas Party with lots of food, games and certificates.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!

Bedgebury Old Girls' Day

Bell Bedgebury International School had some very special guests on Saturday 4th October, the return of "The Old Girls". A reunion of both former staff and students that spanned over fifty years of Bedgebury School history. The weather was kind, with crisp air and the sun putting in an appearance. The former staff and students made their entrance through the old front door and were greeted by two Houseparents and eight of our students. They were then shown to the Hollington Room for refreshments. Each and every guest took great interest in the "New School". They commented on how the uniform was not much different from their



school and were glad to see that we were now co-educational, with boys and girls in the school. Every guest had their photograph taken with our students and chatted comfortably with them. Mr David Morse, our Principal, then gave a speech in the Badminton Room. The ladies were then left to explore the buildings and grounds that were once home to them. A good day was had by all.

Staff and student's for "Meet and Greet" were, Mr Elliott, Ms Brown. Boombelle, Carmen, Christina, Rachel, Boss, Raul, Michelangelo and Berkan.



Our Bonfire Party

November 5th was celebrated by a Bonfire Party at Bedgebury. All pupils, staff and neighbours were invited and the grounds were full of people all wrapped up against the cold, eagerly awaiting the bonfire and forthcoming fireworks.

The catering department created traditional food for us ... soup, jacket potatoes with a range of fillings, mulled wine, hot dogs and a variety of different toffee apples which were really enjoyed by pupils!

A huge bonfire was lit and soon the fireworks started, filling the sky with light.

Great fun was had by everyone!



The fireworks were fantastic; the sky filled with light for nearly an hour.

Geography Field Trip to Dungeness

On Friday 3rd October, 2008, students piled into two minibuses and we set off, to Dungeness Point on the South Coast. The trip was headed by Mr Leech, Mr Massey and Mrs Jackson. Our aim was to observe examples of "Long Shore Drift" along the beach (evidence including different heights and levels of pebbles along the beach;), the lighthouse shift over 100 metres due to extra land being constructed by the process of sea material drifting in, and the local ecosystem.

We drove along the coastline, whilst observing the lunar desert landscape which was lined by second homes (including one owned by the late film director Derek Jarman).

The group boarded an old fashioned small steam train which transported us to New Romney where the students explored the



town – a typical example of a market town. We returned to Dungeness Point on the mini steam train and walked onto the beach to observe the effects of Long Shore Drift again and see the busy traffic of container ships and oil tankers on the horizon of the English Channel.

Lastly, Mr Leech and Mr Massey talked about the local coastal ecosystem and how "succession" is an important part of the ongoing growth of any habitat. We drove home in convoy. Everyone had enjoyed an interesting and educational day out.

Our Hastings Trip by Year 8

On Sunday I went to Hastings and I took some good pictures for my photo album. I forgot my card so I borrowed some money from Raul. I didn't wear a warm coat so I was a little bit cold. I took a full thermos of hot tea and this helped me stay alive in the cold Hastings evening. We went to Mc Donalds and I bought some burgers.

Written by Ivan

Yesterday I was in Hastings and I saw a very good parade. It was very funny, but I didn't see the fireworks as many people were too cold!

Written by Rafael

Hastings was very funny and it was very cold. The people wore very strange clothes. When we came back to the school it was late but we had a party.

Written by Maria

It didn't take a long time to get to Hastings. The weather at Hastings was very cold, especially because it was night, because Hastings is by the seaside. The coast at Hastings is very relaxing and it is a wonderful pace to spend time in. There are lots of shops.

Written by Boss

Whole School Trip to London

The whole school visited London to look at the Science Museum and the Tate Gallery. In the science museum the students saw many famous things including a rocket that had been to The Moon, Stevenson's Rocket (the first passenger train) and Dolly the Sheep - the first animal to have been made by cloning (well her stuffed body, anyway). The students had a ride on a flight simulator and saw many other interesting exhibits including the History of Medicine.

After lunch we visited the Tate Gallery where we saw many famous English paintings including many by William Blake and by Turner. One of the galleries had paintings by Mrs Denny's uncle! The students were very well behaved and we all had an enjoyable day.

