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Students spend six days enjoying the Spanish sites

Students enjoyed a tour of some of Spain's most famous attractions during the Easter holidays.

It was a great opportunity for students to practise their Spanish in a real life, authentic context and to experience Spanish culture.

The 38 students packed a lot into their few days away. They kicked off with a visit to an aquarium which included a walk-through section where sharks swam above. Ever brave, students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the experience unscathed!

A cable car trip up into the mountains overlooking Benalmadena was one of the highlights of the trip. At the top of the cable car the students were able to take in the breath-taking views.

The students took the train to Malaga where they visited a food market and used their Spanish language skills to practise buying local produce. Speaking Spanish in real life situations proved to be a fantastic extension of classroom learning and our students represented Bedstone brilliantly.

The visit to the imposing Seville Cathedral was an awe-inspiring excursion. While in Seville the group also visited the Alcazar of Seville. Mr. Olive, Head of Physics at said: "The best part of the trip for me was visiting the stunning Alcázar in Seville, with beautiful gardens and Moorish architecture."

Photos from the trip can be seen on the centre pages.



New prefects get prepared for next year's important duties

As our upper sixth prepare for their next adventures, our newly-selected prefects prepare for their duties to commence in the autumn term. The prefects go through a difficult selection process and are interviewed by both teaching staff and outgoing prefects. Here they are practicing army-style team work activities, learning to work together and take on different roles. One of the particularly tricky training aspects is being guided around wearing the blackout goggles pictured above.

Picnic and paddling in Leintwardine

Taking advantage of our picturesque location this term, students visited the river for a picnic, some paddling and stone skimming.



Year 8 study bustling Brazil

Brazil has been a focus for our Year 8 geography students this term. Students spent time learning about the country, including the favelas. Here they are with their own creations.

What's happening on the front cover?

Our international students spent some time cooking traditional dishes from their home countries to introduce to their friends at Bedstone.

Mariia and Anna are the busy chefs in the photograph.

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award adventurers visit the Rhinogs

Sixth form students working towards their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award travelled to North Wales for the expedition section of the prestigious award. They worked hard, trekking with all their gear and showed their true ingenuity by managing to cook steak whilst camping!





Cosmic celebration as new science labs opened

Two science laboratories have been completely refurbished and fitted with top of the range facilities for students. The labs were opened this term during an out of this world space themed celebration. Jay Tate from the Spaceguard Centre in Knighton attended the event and was able to discuss his fascinating field of research with sixth form science students. The refurbishment forms part of a series of renovation. Last year the IT room facilities were upgraded and we introduced a new all weather pitch. The next phase will involve the biology laboratories. We have a proud history of physics education. Lord Rees, Astronomer Royal, was the first student to attend Bedstone College and our current Headmaster, Mr Gajadharsingh, also studied physics. These high specification facilities, provided through new investment, will enable us to continue in our tradition of excellent science education.

The new labs have top of the range features. All students have state of the art work benches so there are no limits to the potential for different experiments. The labs also have interactive whiteboards, giving access to all the latest scientific research during lesson time. In such a fast moving field of study, up to date research and the ability to learn through conducting experiments is vital. Mark Rozée, Head of Chemistry at Bedstone said: "It is imperative for schools to have the latest and highest quality science labs. Science is different from any other subject, in order to understand its concepts, one has to look beyond the books and conventional classroom teaching." These new science labs will enable Bedstone students to have access to the best facilities in order to see science in action and conduct their own research. A cosmic celebration was held to open

the facilities with governors, guests, staff and students enjoying space themed cakes provided by the catering department. Bedstone College already has a sixth form student going on to study physics at University College, University of Oxford this October. It is hoped that many more students will be inspired by the science education they receive here.





Highlights of the trip to Spain

Students tour Spain during the Easter holidays, practising their Spanish and seeing the sites.



**Junior School
celebrated World
Book Day**



Younger students learn to ride their bikes safely and confidently when Bikeability visits Bedstone.



Voyage virtuel dans le monde francophone

Dans la classe de français, nous voyageons virtuellement! C'est pratique et pas cher! À Pâques, Eliott est allé à Paris et il a rencontré Monsieur Macron. Jonas et George sont allés voir le Carnaval de Nice. Le Canada est un pays francophone alors Jack et Sam ont parlé français au Québec. Georgie et Tamsin sont allées à Tahiti! Génial les vacances!

Star dome experience at the Spaceguard centre

Junior one children enjoyed a special trip to the Spaceguard Centre in Knighton. The centre is a working observatory that monitors near Earth objects. It has all sort of real life working equipment, perfect for finding out all about space.

The children said that their favourite parts of the day were sitting in the dark in the star dome and learning about a real telescope (and of course the mini bus journey).

Two trips to Shakespeare's Stratford

Bedstone College is big on the Bard! Students have made two trips to the home of Shakespeare in Stratford this term.

First up, more than 20 students from Year 8 grabbed the opportunity to receive a workshop given by an RSC actor to help them better understand "Romeo and Juliet", the Shakespeare play they have been studying this year. The students were put through their paces acting out scenes, hurling Shakespearian insults at each other and learning different ways to interpret key lines.

A-Level English Literature students also took a trip to Stratford to see a Shakespeare play.

After arriving in Stratford, students and staff tucked into an Italian meal at a nearby restaurant before taking their seats to watch the world famous actor Anthony Sher perform in "King Lear". The play is one the students know well, as it is one of their A-Level set texts, and the performance helped them to get a different understanding of this famous play.



Hopton wins the competitive Interhouse Art Competition

Excellent entries were viewed by Nicola Haigh, former Head of Art at Moor Park school and freelance textile artist who adjudicated the Interhouse Art Competition this June. Mrs Haigh reported on a very high standard of entries. Hopton House was victorious this year and congratulations to them for achieving high marks in all four of the age categories. At the same time as the adjudication was being decided, members of the school were able to vote for their own favourites.

The full list of awards can be viewed on our website: www.bedstone.org





Success for Bedstone girls' cricket team

Bedstone girls played their first ever game of girls' cricket on the main square this term. The long-awaited start to the season was unfortunately met with unseasonable weather but the girls played through and were confident with their bowling. With the weather getting increasingly worse the game had to be abandoned with only four of Bedstone's 14 overs batted. At the close of play Bedstone were on 127, only five runs behind with 10 overs to play, so a very confident start to the season.

The Under 11 team and Under 13 team travelled to The Downs, Malvern earlier this term to play indoors due to poor weather. Many members of the Under 11 team had come in on their day off to represent the school at cricket for the first time. The team displayed accurate bowling and some great fielding to run out a number of the opposing players. Bedstone girls also faced some quick bowling during their batting innings but ran quickly between the wickets to keep the score ticking over. Overall, it was a great game for both teams with everyone getting a taste of the game and learning throughout.

Bronze medal for rounders team

The U14s with a couple of U13 girls travelled to Malvern for the U15 ISA Midlands Rounders Tournament. The girls improved their performance and the games they played were very competitive. After coming through the group stages they were faced with a tough semi-final. Unfortunately the opposition score crept up to a target they didn't reach. We found ourselves playing in the bronze medal match, we batted first and were clever with our running making sure we got the half rounder whenever possible. Our fielding was excellent with some outstanding catches. Bedstone managed to get the last batter out with 30 seconds remaining to win the game 7-6. The girls collected their bronze medals finishing third overall.

Junior Bedstone girls had a closely contested game of rounders earlier this June. The team really stepped up and the final score was 18-18. Both teams had fun and played in a lovely spirit.

Ashley A was voted opposition player of the match.

Sports day 2018

All traditional sporting events had their day at the annual junior and senior sports days this year. Miss Ross, Head of Girls' PE said: "I thought the whole atmosphere and levels of participation were excellent. To see the students taking part when the events weren't necessarily their strongest and then being joined on their way to the finish line summed up the excellent sportsmanship of all involved. Every race was competitive and challenged even the strongest of athletes to their max."



Bedstone's rugby squad trains at famous Welford Road stadium

The first and second form boys' rugby squad spent a fantastic day at Welford Road stadium, home of the Leicester Tigers. The Bedstone squad enjoyed training on the first teams pitch, a place where many a rugby star has gone before.

There was also the promise of holding the Premiership trophy. The squad had great fun measuring themselves against a life-size portrait of Leicester, England, and British and Irish Lion legend Martin Johnson. Evan S-G stands by the portrait in the photo above.

Bedstone sporting spirit at the National ISA Triathlon

Seven boys and girls travelled to Lucton to take part in the National ISA Triathlon this June. The athletes all competed various gruelling distances for their age group. The students were a credit to the school and it was very noticeable that the Bedstone students all competed with smiles on their faces and that they supported other athletes while they were waiting for their races. All of the Bedstone competitors finished in the top 18 which is excellent. This was the first time competing in the swim, bike and run event for most of the young competitors. Harri B had an excellent race and finished fifth overall in her age category. Well done to all students who took part in a tough event.





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Dates for your Diary

International students arrive and induction commences		4 September
Boarders arrive		5 September
Lower sixth and upper sixth Choices meeting	1pm	5 September
Day students return	8.30am	6 September
Wacky Sunday (all boarding students)		9 September
Open Morning		13 October
Interhouse Music Competition	4pm	26 October
Parents Meeting for new students, 1st form and 2nd form	5.45pm	26 October
Half term commences	5.45pm	26 October
Boarders return		4 November
Day students arrive and term commences	8.30am	5 November
Remembrance Day Service	8.45am	9 November
Sixth Form Experience		TBC
Carols by Candlelight	4pm	30 November
Advent Carol Service, Clungunford	6.30pm	2 December
College Carol Service, Ludlow	11am	6 December
Term ends	12pm	6 December



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