

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends

January is an important time for our Year 13 students, who will have been thinking very seriously about their future, with the UCAS 'equal consideration' deadline for the majority of undergraduate courses closing this week. Mr Woodward and the Sixth Form team have been on hand to offer advice on subject and university choices and how to complete applications. I know that the teaching staff would have provided superb guidance, which I am sure is greatly appreciated, and I thank them for doing so.

At the end of August 2023, when the last cohort's grades were coming out, I read reports that said there was a higher dropout rate from university students, which many linked to the teacher assessed grades of the Covid years; however, I am pleased to report that none of our former students dropped out and that is primarily due to the fact the teachers knew their abilities well and gave them the correct advice to choose the setting and subject best for them.



Building for the future

Work on the new site is continuing at pace. I have also started working on the detailed plans to move some of our existing resources to the new build, whilst also being in contact with local companies who want to use the new facilities, which will provide more opportunities for our students. We have now prepared details of opportunities available to benefactors who might want to contribute towards additional items, which would leave a lasting legacy. If you would like to have details, please email hello@bedfordgreenacre.co.uk



2024 UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATIONS

UCAS APPLICATION KEY DATES

With changes being made to 2024 undergraduate applications, see below all the essential dates that you may require awareness of throughout the process:

- 5 September 2023**
Completed undergraduate applications can be submitted to UCAS.
- 2 October 2023**
Closing date for conservatoires music applications.
- 16 October 2023**
Applications for Oxford, Cambridge and most courses in medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine/science should arrive at UCAS by 18:00 (UK time).
- 31 January 2024**
Applications for the majority of undergraduate courses should arrive at UCAS by 18:00 (UK time) on the equal consideration date.
Closing date for most conservatoires dance/drama/musical theatre applications.
- 28 February 2024**
Extra opens: if your child has used all five choices and is not holding an offer, they can add another choice using Extra.
- 30 June 2024**
Last date for receipt of applications with choices. Applications received after this deadline are automatically entered into Clearing, 18:00 (UK time).
- 4 July 2024**
Extra closes.
- 5 July 2024**
Clearing opens, and vacancies are shown in the UCAS search tool.

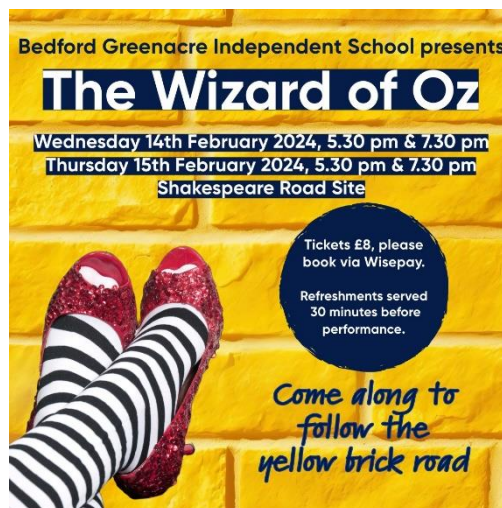
Our Sixth Form has only been open since 2016, and since that time I have been delighted to hear about the successes of former students, including Firsts achieved in a wide range of subjects from fashion and advertising to law. We know that our Sixth Form provides a superb learning experience for our students that sets them on the right path for their future, so if your child is considering their options after GCSEs, then please ensure they speak to Mr Woodward and his team at the next Open Morning on the 16th March 2024.

Get involved

The next Parent Council Meeting takes place on Friday 9th February 2024 at 9.00 am at our Shakespeare Road site. The agenda will include updates and plans for the new build, including sponsorship. We will also discuss enrichment opportunities, Year 10 options being co-educational for September 2024 and the Year 9 options event being in-person instead of MS Teams. It will be followed by the PTFA coffee morning. We look forward to seeing you, all are welcome.

Show time

The Senior School Production is nearly here, with general tickets now on sale, so please hurry to book yours if you have not already done so.



Sport



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Thank you to Mrs Bartishel, Mrs Chaplin and Mr Seward-Clark for arranging a trip to the British Basketball League Trophy Finals in Birmingham last weekend. What a great experience for all those who went along.

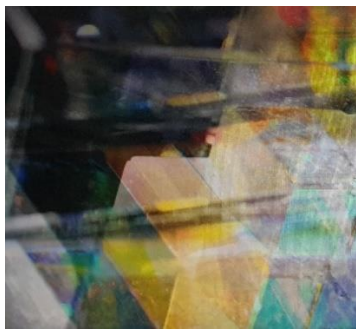


Well done to everybody who has been out on the sports grounds to represent the School in fixtures. Particular praise to Players of their Matches: Al-Akhire Babajide (twice) , Flo Stott, Nari Molo, Thomas Sharp, James Warne, Hughie Samson, Miles Heady, George Serrell, Daisy Bailey, Kieva Walker, Lili Oliva-Pugh, Samantha Sandati and Grace Perry.

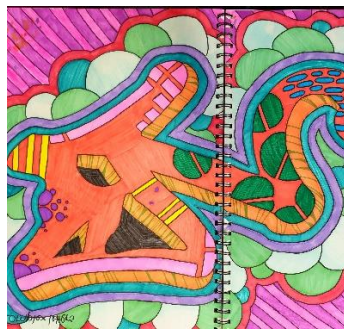


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A-level art and photography



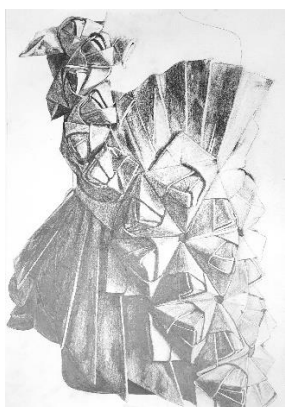
Wolfie Millard



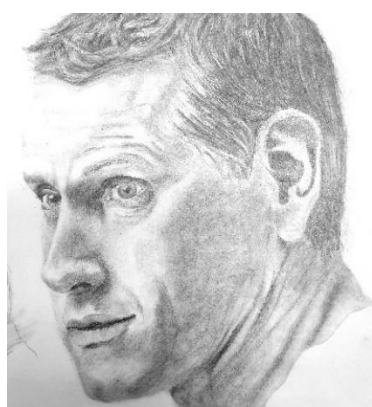
Izzy Sewell



Jessica Sohl



Flo Toumazou



Madeleine Jordan



Amelia Creasey

Nursery News



The Big School Birdwatch is here and once again the Pre-school children are taking part. They have been armed with their binoculars and a bird sheet so they can identify all the visiting birds that they can spot. To encourage the birds the children had great fun making their own bird feed balls.

They have also been looking at the letter 'k' and had great fun with messy play and lots of flour!



The Wrens have been exploring dinosaurs this week with a Dinosaur world sensory activity; they used brown and green lentils, blue runny cornflour, and big cabbages.

The children also listened to dinosaur sounds on the speaker during their play. They used their fine motor skills to peel and tear the cabbages for the dinosaurs to eat.





As the weather is improving, we have been able to spend more time outside. Our Pre-school children are enjoying their outdoor play and having great fun with their friends on their tricycles.

Junior News



Key Stage 1 Craft Club have enjoyed making fish tank dioramas to show off their sewing skills.

This week, the Junior School held their monthly performance assembly where pupils volunteer to show their talents in front of their friends. We have had dancers, singers, actors and artists, it is great to see their confidence grow throughout the year!

Today, the Junior's had an assembly to launch Children's Mental Health Week which runs from the 5th to 11th February. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'. The children have started by thinking about what is important to them in their lives. You can read more about it here:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

Personal Pursuits



Well done to Ben from Year 9 who is a member of Oakley Squadron and was presented with the 2023 Training Award in recognition of his dedication and hard work taking every opportunity to attend training and gain qualifications. Ben was also given the Cadet 'Best Cadet' Award 2023, which was voted for by his peers in the squadron. Both great achievements to be proud of.

Principal's Awards

Hazel Martynski and Ollie Gerig for their excellent earthquake proof designed buildings.

Hugo Acquah for fantastic times tables scores in tests this academic year.

We recently notified you that Elev8 Dance School are now located at our Kimbolton Road site. For further details or if your child would like to attend their classes you can view their website on www.elev8studios.co.uk

Kind regards

I M Daniel, BA (QTS), NPQH
Principal

