

Head Master's Final Assembly

These assemblies seem to get busier and busier, so I apologise firstly for anything left out and then for diving straight in to reports without much preamble. But I will just say this; it has been a very good year this year in all sorts of respects. Of course, every individual will experience something slightly different, but there has been much collective success and the overall tenor of the school is happy and proud, without being arrogant. We must all keep challenging this position; unkindness and arrogance are things we all wish to steer clear of, for the sake of everyone in the community.

Three sections this year, loosely entitled Academia/Cultural pursuits, Sport and Service. I start this term, rightly, but in reality unusually, with the Academic side of life...

Academia/Cultural Pursuits:

Head Master Commendations

Well done to the following boys who have won Head Master commendations this term:

Fourth Form

Freddie Peacock – for creating a Victorian scrap book to accompany his study of Victorian poetry this term. It was beautifully presented, carefully researched and shows that he has really engaged with the social and historical context of the nineteenth century – very impressive.

Remove Form

Flik Feng – for numerous and extremely varied range of commendations this term and academic year, including:

- An excellent presentation on what it would be like to taste a neutron star.
- Going beyond expectations and producing an impressive, detailed 3D model of a river drainage basin.
- An outstanding achievement in presenting his research into the 'World's Worst Disease' for the Biology Society Presentation Competition 2017.
- His excellent effort in Tuesday's 'Dragons Den'-style webinar competition against other schools.

Flik has also composed and recorded a beautiful song in German – *Verwirrtes Herz*, connecting his learning across subjects in a most amazing way.

Sixth Form

Colston Kane – Colston gave a very personal and thoughtful presentation about the local cerebral palsy charity, BDCPS, to the day house and this charity was then chosen by the house for the Charity Run. Colston collected banners and t-shirts for the event and drummed up huge enthusiasm for boys to participate, which resulted in the house raising £1070 for the charity.

Artur Prets – Artur worked for several days and nights at end of spring term to ensure we had a fabulously coded robot for the national Student Robotics competition. His work was not only great in

effort but achievement where his code showed maturity of thought. He truly put himself out for the rest of the team.

Academic Merits:

Awards for 75 Academic Merits go to:

Henry Poppleton
Charlie Thompson
Edric Yeung
Alfie Willcocks

Remove Form Theory of Knowledge (ToK)

The winning Remove ToK project was **Daniel Smith** with a project on ‘Autonomous vehicles and the future of road safety’.

Runners-up were: **Flik Feng** with a film about problems in movies; **George Wegener** with an essay entitled ‘Why is socialism failing in modern society?’; **Ben Watson** with a project on the antibiotic resistance crisis; **Ben Aellen** with a project entitled ‘How do rollercoasters work?’ and **Thomas Byrne** with a project on ‘The ethics of the Internet’.

Lower Sixth Bedford School Independent Project (BSIP):

Well done to all involved for their research efforts. Extracts from the best work will be published across the school in the coming months.

The winner of the BSIP Essay Prize 2017 is **Lewis Cramp**, whose work is entitled: ‘What was responsible for bringing Ancient Egyptian civilisation to a permanent end? An investigation into how Ancient Egypt’s culture and values disappeared during Roman rule.’

The winner of the BSIP Presentation Prize (and the runner-up in the Essay Prize) is **Ben Wilshaw-Quinn**, who presented on his essay entitled: ‘An analysis of Jim Lee’s work and how he has influenced comics.’

Boys highly commended for their BSIP essay submissions are as follows:

Alex Bird, Jeevan Sandhu, Ryan Lam, Harry Cave, Joshua Spanoudakis, Leo Tse, David Holland, John Kendall, Tom Ackroyd, Oscar Tipper, Jamie Brock, Lewis Cooke and James Brackenbury.

BSIP Presentation Prize 2017: Summary of Results		
Overall Winner	Benjamin Wilshaw-Quinn	<i>An analysis of Jim Lee's work and how he has influenced comics.</i>
Overall Runner-up	Parampreet Thiara	<i>Is Global Superpower Status a realistic and desired goal for India?</i>
Highly Commended	Tom Ackroyd	<i>The Charge of the Light Brigade: An analysis of Tennyson's poem as a contribution to the history of the Crimean War.</i>

	Jeevan Sandhu	<i>The History and Future of Antibiotics.</i>
Finalists:	Lewis Cramp	<i>What brought Ancient Egyptian civilisation to an end?</i>
	Leo Tse	<i>Is there a practical way to preserve Chinese Culture through architecture?</i>
	Artur Prets	<i>Information security and networking: A study of wide and local area networking impact on information security effectiveness.</i>
	Joshua Spanoudakis	<i>Tesla Motors: Why a small Californian start-up will revolutionise and lead the largest industries on earth.</i>
	David Holland	<i>What cures for the Black Death were available to the people of Europe in the Middle Ages and why did they think they would work?</i>
	John Kendall	<i>Would the reforms laid out in the Beveridge Report have been implemented if the Conservatives had won the 1945 election?</i>

BSIP Essay Prize 2017: Summary of Results		
Winner	Lewis Cramp	<i>What was responsible for bringing Ancient Egyptian civilisation to a permanent end?</i>
Highly Commended	Alex Bird	<i>Is human physiology and psychology the biggest risk to space exploration?</i>
	Harry Cave	<i>AI and the future of humanity,</i>
	Jeevan Sandhu	<i>The history and future of antibiotics,</i>
	Joshua Spanoudakis	<i>Why a small California start-up will revolutionise and lead the largest industries on earth.</i>
	Leo Tse	<i>Is there a way to preserve Chinese culture through architecture?</i>
	David Holland	<i>What cures for the Black Death were available to the people of Europe in the Middle Ages and why did they think that they would work?</i>
	John Kendall	<i>To what extent would the reforms laid out in the Beveridge Report and made under Atlee's Government have been made if the Conservatives had won the 1945 election?</i>
	Lewis Cooke	<i>Was it right for America to use atomic weapons against Japan during World War II?</i>
	James Brackenbury	<i>Was Oskar Schindler a criminal?</i>
	Tom Ackroyd	<i>The Charge of the Light Brigade: What parts of the charge does the poem refer to and is it a relatively accurate account?</i>

	Jamie Brock	<i>Donald Trump: How a man with almost no political experience won the 2016 presidential election.</i>
	Oscar Tipper	<i>How accurate is it to say that the original aims of the Eurovision Song Contest have been eroded throughout its sixty year history to the extent that it is unrecognisable nowadays?</i>
	Benjamin Wilshaw-Quinn	<i>How has Jim Lee influenced comics?</i>

Biology Olympiad

The Intermediate Biology Olympiad took place at the beginning of this week. Over 5600 student took part in the Olympiad and the Gold Award was awarded to the top 6.7% of those students. Well done to the following boys:

First name	Last name	Number of correct responses	Award achieved
Mohammed Momin	Tassadaq	63	Gold
Jeevan	Sandhu	61	Gold
Tsz Tsun Ignatius	Ip	60	Gold
Henry Tsz Nok	Ngai	57	Silver
Sihao	Liu	54	Bronze
Alexander	Davies	52	Bronze
Josh	Emerson	51	Highly Commended
Michael	Davis	50	Highly Commended
David	Holland	50	Highly Commended
Alexander	Khasis	49	Highly Commended
Michael	Choi	47	Commended
Sachin	Chambers	46	Commended

Art

The Arts' Society, North Bedfordshire, Sixth Form Art Competition was open to all schools in the area who could enter three works per school. The art department were thrilled that two of their works were selected for prizes. The judges for the competition were Tom Perret, Curator at the Higgins Museum in Bedford, the artist Hannah Coombes and the sculptor Alex Chinneck.

At the presentation of the prizes on Tuesday 27th June Lower Sixth student **Dominic Blore** was awarded a Highly commended for his intaglio self-portrait print which the judges considered 'technically excellent'. For his painting *Aura* **Christian Noble**, also Lower Sixth, was awarded joint third prize for his self-portrait

painting which impressed the judges for his 'good understanding of form, technical competence, important and timely message, courage and accompanying powerful statement to support the painting'. The exhibition of all works included in the exhibition takes place at John Bunyan Museum from 4th–15th July

Head Master's Art prize and Best in Show

This is awarded to a work or body of work exhibited in the Student End of Year show. In this year's exciting and varied exhibition contenders were:

Dylan Cox as an IB student has this year focused on buildings and architecture as the main subject of his project. His artistic journey has led him from making intricate and detailed images to much more ambitious and expressive paintings, including one I particularly liked of the Houses of Parliament.

Tom Rainbow, another IB student, impressed with the range and ambition of his project. His exhibition was challenging and thought-provoking, taking the issue of race in America as his central theme. His painting *Redlining* was particularly striking. What appears initially to be a relatively straight forward depiction of a reclining figure in a landscape actually reflects the emotional torment of a real-estate practice by which African-Americans are denied purchasing homes in affluent neighbourhoods.

The winner, however, impressed with his sure draftsmanship, experimentation and his disorientating and accomplished final exam painting which consisted of a multi-layered image of buildings, working on verticals and horizontals to produce an eerie result. He combined this with a slightly raw, yet delightful, wooden sculpture of a skyscraper skyline. This year's Head Master's Art prize goes to **Anthony Tai**.

All visitors to the exhibition are encouraged to vote for their own favourite work in the show. This year we had a huge number of votes but two clear front runners emerged when the votes were counted. **George Hayward** with his striking prints was extremely popular but the clear winner with his impressive and arresting display of sculptures was **Jacques Bell**.

Music

I hope that some of you were present at the concerts this week, and will agree they were excellent evenings of musical entertainment. On Saturday we had a concert of jazz music, organised by Harry Guthrie. It was a stunning way for this year's group of Bedford Sharps to bow out. Wednesday was the turn of the School Band, Dance Band, Brass Ensemble, Second Orchestra, Jazz Ensemble and Guitar Ensemble. These groups showed off the array of talent that we have in all age groups in the school and the future certainly looks bright. Yesterday we had the first half of the concert in the Chapel, with choral and organ music provided by the Chapel Choir, and then moved into the Great Hall to hear the Chamber Orchestra and First Orchestra perform a variety of music. This is one of the most enjoyable concerts of the year and definitely one of the 101 things you must do before you leave Bedford School. Music will continue to form part of our end of term celebrations tomorrow at Speech Day and afterwards. It's been a great term, at the end of a very sad year for the Music Department, in the light of the death of the head of brass, Mr Guy Bennett. His legacy is a thriving brass department, which we have seen in action at every concert this year.

Drama

In the Quarry Theatre, there have been several professional productions, and two senior school productions – *The Red Shoes* directed by Mrs Keylock and *Lord of the Flies* directed by Lower Sixth student **Ethan Chappell Mason**. Both productions were extremely well attended and the audiences were impressed with the quality of the acting. *The Red Shoes* showcased some outstanding movement and

choreography, using music composed by **Ollie Graham**. *Lord of the Flies* revealed just how strong Bedford School student productions can be, with strong acting performances from **Dominic Russell-Smith** and **Callum Bourne**.

Auditions have been held this week for the forthcoming school production of *Romeo and Juliet*, which will take place in November in The Quarry Theatre. This project will be a collaboration with the music department and the actors will be working with a professional fight director.

The Quarry Theatre continues to live stream shows from the National Theatre, which proves to be very popular with the community of Bedford. The drama department wants to encourage more students to watch live productions and events next year. The Arts Festival has proved to be successful and the drama department hosted a special workshop with Alecky Blythe (verbatim practitioner and director) that was attended by students from both Bedford Modern and Mark Rutherford. As part of the festival, the A-Level students performed their piece of theatre on homelessness in Bedford to a large audience.

Academic drama has continued to flourish and IB students have been working on Grotowski and Stanislavski as practitioners and have performed a mock exam this term. In addition, Worklight Theatre have come to school to work closely with the IB students on solo performance.

Our Academic Drama Society president for 2017-18 is **Conor Hilliard**. Each week, staff and students have given lectures on a variety of topics, including Stanislavski, directing, comedy and improvisation. From September 2017, there will be a new drama society company. Students will be able to join-up and, if they are committed members, will be able to audition for new projects. Ethan Chappell-Mason and Conor Hilliard will be directing the first performance.

The senior school technical club have worked on different shows and continue to support the department and we wish to thank all these students for their hard work and commitment. Anybody interested in joining the technical club can apply to join in September.

The drama department has organised several exciting workshops and trips this term, with a particular highlight being the visit to The Globe Theatre to see OB Theo Green (ex-speech and drama teacher) perform in *Twelfth Night*.

So, a busy and productive term for both academic and extra-curricular drama...

Overall House Merit winners:

Fourth Form:	Talbot's
Remove:	Burnaby
Fifth Form:	Burnaby
Lower Sixth:	Phillpotts
Upper Sixth:	Redburn
Overall:	Phillpotts

(so well done to the boarders!)

Combined Day/Boarding: St Cuthbert's

Top House

In reverse order, the overall House Cup competition results are:

6 th	St Cuthbert's	68 pts
5 th	Ashburnham	78 pts

4 th	Crescent	81.5 pts
3 rd	St Peters	83.5 pts
2 nd	Paulo Pontine	84 pts
1 st	Bromham	88 pts

CUPS FOR SUMMER TERM 2017

CRICKET

Junior House Cricket	St Cuthbert's
Senior House Cricket	St Peter's
Derek Randall Catcher's Cup	Gus Miller, <i>St Cuthbert's</i>
Redburn Cup for most contribution below the 1st X	Oliver Thrasher, <i>Sanderson's</i>

TENNIS

Junior House Tennis	Bromham
Senior House Tennis	Paulo Pontine

ROWING

House Rowing	Ashburnham
Junior Sculls	Josh Markham, <i>Paulo Pontine</i>
Senior Sculls	Lennart Roese, <i>St Peter's</i>
Junior Doubles	Josh Markham & Matthew Lewis

CULINARY CHALLENGE

House Culinary Challenge	Paulo Pontine
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CHESS

House Chess	Ashburnham
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SHOOTING

House Shooting	Ashburnham
Best Shot in House Shooting	Daniel Lumley-Wood, <i>Ashburnham</i>

SPORTSMAN

The LAING BOWL for outstanding sportsman of the year	Edward Johnson, <i>St Cuthbert's</i>
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DRAMA

The DRAMA CUP	Jonathan Hosking, <i>Bromham</i> for his contribution to GCSE and extracurricular drama
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McGAVIN CUP

The McGAVIN CUP	Rich Man, <i>Redburn</i>
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Sport

Cricket

The 2017 season has been very successful, with over 75% of matches won by all teams.

The 1st XI have had a strong season, with excellent wins against Felsted, St Albans and Rugby and in the National T20 competition, they played extremely well to beat: Wellingborough, Rugby and Shenfield to reach the regional final. This was a very young XI and as this team grows together, we will invariably see them develop into a very competitive side in all formats of the game. This was reflected in the progress of the Under 17 team to the National semi-final, where they lost to an excellent Shrewsbury side. It was also pleasing to see the other senior XI's win more games this year and very much enjoy their cricket.

The under 15A team have proved themselves to be a very strong outfit – winning the Arch Trophy when on tour in Dubai, as well as all but one of their regular fixtures. They also reached the National cup quarter-final. The under 14A team have also had an excellent season in relation to results and development.

A huge 'well done' to the Under 14 and Under 15B, C and D teams, who all had very impressive terms, with perhaps the highlight being the unbeaten season for the under 14C team.

I have two trophies for the 15A team; could captain Mike Catt please come forward to accept:

- The Arch Trophy, which was won in Dubai on the pre-season tour
- Magdalen College School T20 Cricket Festival Trophy, which was won this week with the team winning four out of four games.

Other Notable Individual Achievements:

Rahul Sheemar: Essex 2nd XI debut, toured Sri Lanka with the England Cricket Board Bunbury U16s

Gus Miller: Northamptonshire Academy, Selected for Midlands U15s

Full Colours for Cricket 2017:

Oli Hind

Bhavik Talsania

Rahul Sheemar

Ali Hassan

Alex Rennie

Minor Colours for Cricket 2017

Harry Gouldstone

Oli Thrasher

Rowing

The Boat Club has had a successful summer season with multiple regatta wins for all age groups. All the boys have trained hard and raced well showing humility both in victory and defeat. The hard training has been evidenced with two ergo school records being broken by **Harry Sivills** and **Elliott Sell**. The 1st VIII won at Bedford Regatta and Nottingham City Regatta and also won a silver medal at the National Schools Regatta. The Colts A crew won a bronze medal and the J15 A crew won a silver medal at the Nationals Schools Regatta. The most successful regatta of the season was the final regatta at Peterborough where 51 boys from the J14 and J15 squads gained medals. The Boat Club is in one of its strongest positions for many years with strength in depth across all year groups and the boys have the potential to step-up to new heights next year.

Major sports colours for Rowing – Christopher Lodge

Minor sports colours for Rowing – Thomas Ackroyd

Athletics

The Athletics team, led by **George Seward**, has had enjoyable season participating in a number of varied competitions, including relays, multi events, track and field and Super 8. With a huge amount of hard work, boys' technique and fitness improved throughout the season with many of them being rewarded with new Personal Bests.

Stephen Simmons and **Reni Omotomilola** were both selected to represent Beds and Luton in the Regional Combined Events Championships and both have qualified for the National Finals.

Minor Sports Colours for Athletics - Will Kerr, Duncan Keyworth, Georgy Kharzaliya, Jonathan Malindine, Oliver McCormack, Hugh Parfitt, Joe Rogers, Robert Seamark.

Badminton

Having battled through the Bedford, County and Regional rounds earlier in the year, the only competitive fixture this term, was the final of the Year 10/11 National Schools' Competition. In Round 1, they beat St Olave's Grammar School by 3 games to 2 but lost 4-1 to Clayton Hall Academy. In Round 2, they beat Devonport High School 4-1 and Gosforth Academy 3-2. The team of **Alvin Choi**, **Oliver Medley**, **Edric Yeung** and **Leon Zhu** therefore finished an impressive seventh in the country – a fantastic achievement.

Canoeing

Canoeing has been revived as a games option this term, and expanded to include disciplines such as kayaking and paddle-boarding. The boys have been working towards a two-star accreditation award in which they must demonstrate their proficiency in two of these (canoeing and kayaking). Over the last few weeks we have enjoyed Bedford from a different viewpoint, paddling up and down the river between Cardington lock and Kempston. It has been a thoroughly enjoyable term and we look forward to more sessions next year.

Golf

Having defeated St Albans, Aldenham and The Peterborough School in the earlier rounds, the golf team qualified for the ISGA National Finals, which were played at Princes and Royal St George's in April. The team then performed superbly in the final, with all three players, **Harry Brown, Matthew Hosking and Byron Tan**, playing their part in the team's fourth place finish overall, out of the 15 teams competing.

In the HMC Foursomes National Competition the team have defeated Felsted, Framingham, New Hall School, and Warwick to qualify for the HMC National Finals, to be played at Cotswold Hills Golf Club in July, where the team are hopeful of success. In friendly fixtures, the team have defeated Haileybury, Millfield, Stowe and Uppingham. The final fixture of the season saw the School Team defeated by the OB Team on a sunny, but windy afternoon on the Dukes Course, Woburn Golf Club.

Tennis

A strong 1st VI led the way this term, securing some highly impressive results. Particularly notable were the demolition of traditional powerhouse Hills Road and a nip and tuck win over perennial rivals Stamford. **Pete Jamieson** was an inspirational leader and formed a fearsome partnership with **Alisher Tatayev**. With fifth formers **Charlie Axford** and **Sam Dalton** playing a number of matches – and securing significant wins – prospects for next year look good. The junior sides fared less well in terms of results but were among the most enthusiastic cohorts the club has seen in recent years. The progress made by many who were relatively new to the sport has been highly impressive; if this can be sustained next year, then results will pick up. A highlight for the junior sides was the recent fixture against Riverside, the local tennis club, in which we took the scalps of a number of much more experienced players.

Minor Sports Colours for Tennis - Pete Jamieson and Alisher Tatayev

Volleyball

Two volleyball squads competed at the National Beach Championships in Brighton this week, with the B team winning their pool beating LAE, Brighton College and Reeds. The A team finished tied first in their pool beating Sevenoaks, Leys and beating the hosts Brighton college, 28-18.

It looked like a possible Bedford v Bedford final. The B team got through, but in a cruel twist of fate the A team missed a place in the final on a points difference of 2. With the B team losing main final to Epsom on the last play of the game and the A team winning the third/fourth play-off. A superb achievement in a high level competition. Would the team please come forward to collect their medals?

Shooting:

It is great to see the School Shooting Club thriving again. They won their class of the Eley Competition and I have medals for the following boys:

Oliver Horsfall, Tommy Hine, Jasper Tsao, Carsten Flicke, Max Erdmann, Will Smithson, Joe Young, Dan Lumley-Wood, William Garner.

I ought to also say that Dan made it into the top 15 in the British Schools Small-Bore Rifle Association Junior Championships – well done to him. From those Championships, I also have divisional winners' badges for:

Joseph Destro, Will Smithson, Jasper Tsao, Joe Young.

Service:

Charities Report

The summer term began with a mufti day for Bedford and District Cerebral Palsy Society, The North West Children's Support Group and the Malala Fund, all charities nominated by boys for their House Charity Run. The mufti day raised £1,050 and brought the grand total raised from the House Charity Run to £5,418. On 9th May, Archie Young-Lee (Lower Sixth) organised a concert entitled 'An Introduction to Solo Trombone Playing'. Archie, accompanied by Mr Thompson, shared an insight into the vast range of trombone music that has been composed/arranged over the centuries. The concert finished with a surprise duet by Archie and Mr Groom, and raised £220 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund. On 17th May, Mr Bantock organised a Staff Charity Concert that featured nearly all the music staff and special guests Mrs Lincoln and Mr Ward. The quality of every performance was incredibly high and the audience applause got louder and louder. £410 was raised for Bedford and District Handicapped Riders and everyone enjoyed a fun-filled evening. During the May half-term, Mr Huddleston, Mr Braithwaite and Mr Mallalieu successfully cycled from Bedford to Paris and raised £2,000 for the NSPCC. The final mufti day of the academic year raised £600 for the NSPCC and Mencap. The term ended with seven Lower Sixth boys and Ms Spyropoulos spending the day painting the homeless shelter in Prebend Street, alongside pupils from BMS and BGS. Thank you to every single person who has taken part. £4,287 has been raised this term, making a total of £31,545 for the academic year and £284,908 since September 2007. Next term, **Samir Patel** and **Freddie Deane** are the Joint Chairmen of the Charities Committee and **Josh Emerson** is Secretary. We wish them luck.

The Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

Congratulations go to boys from the Lower Sixth and the Fifth Form who have recently completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition. Living up to the school's ethos of endeavour, the recent Silver boys battled two extremes of weather (a heatwave and a thunderstorm) to travel over 30 miles in a three-day period. All boys successfully finished the expedition and we are looking forward to welcoming them onto the Gold Award next September, not least because, to quote one campsite owner, the boys were 'fabulously behaved and beautifully mannered'. Well done to them. Finally, I have Gold Awards for **Charlie Gee** and **Tom Liggins**.

Pilkington Trust Awards

These are for worthy GAP year projects, and go to:

- Tom Rainbow
- Chris Lamb
- James Cooper

Well done to the following boys who have been appointed Heads of House for next year:

Ashburnham – Tom Ackroyd

Bromham – Aaron Borland

Burnaby – Harry Cave & Philip Alberti

Crescent – Felix Iles

Paulo Pontine – Will Willcocks

Pemberley – Barney Ollerhead
Phillpotts – Han Yui Ho & Winki Chan
Redburn – Leo Tse and Alisher Tatayev
Sanderson's – Takeshi Ikura
St Cuthbert's - Joshua Spanoudakis and Kieran Duxbury
St Peter's – Dom Blore
Talbot's – George Seward

Head Master Scarves

1. The list of achievements of the boy winning the first scarf is enormously impressive. He is without doubt a top achieving academic, with an offer from Oxford. He has sung in a language festival and performed in a Spanish play; he has won gold in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge. Away from the classroom, he has represented his county at badminton and done his Gold Duke of Edinburgh. But the better reasons for his Head Master's Scarf come from elsewhere: he has given up his time to work at Castle Lower School after finishing his IB exams; he has volunteered as a helper for disabled children at a horse riding centre; he has given talks in the Prep School; he has taken part in almost every house event going, including all House drama events since he arrived at the school. This year, he has been at almost every school event I have attended, simply supporting. He even did all the cooking at his recent house BBQ. Well done to **Andrew Zhu**.
2. A true renaissance man, this boy epitomises what it is to be a Bedford School student. Always immaculately turned out (who wrote this stuff!?) and willing to take on responsibility throughout his school career, he has displayed endless endeavour, always trying to improve and perform to his best. He has been a leading figure in a highly successful 1st VIII that achieved great success at the National Schools' Championships and has been awarded Major Colours for his efforts in the boat. His curiosity in learning and trying new things has seen him thrive within the arts, where he has taken advantage of many extra-curricular talks and events, and become one of the leading lights in theatre and music. Achieving a Grade 8 distinction in his singing, winning the senior singing competition via victories at the Bedfordshire Music Festival, taking on a major role within the Sweeney Todd production and providing some inspirational performances in house singing, where a certain relation of Stacey caused some controversy. Most importantly, this individual has always shown an empathy, kindness and passion for the whole school community, as well as being an excellent ambassador when meeting parents and visitors to the school. As a monitor, he has been outstanding and as a Sanderson's man he has been an example to all in the house. He has achieved all of this with matchless grace and with a winning smile at all times; he is truly well-mannered and, in the best sense of the word, charming. **Tom Liggins**.

3/4. These two boys get on extremely well but hate being put together. However hard I try to split them on grounds of merit, though, I simply cannot. They are both amazing boys. Between them, they have 20 A* grades from GCSE; they play horn, guitar, cello and sing, all to grade 8 level; they play in a number of orchestras and smaller groups; they are outstanding rowers, key members of the school's 1st VIII. They also happen to be totally delightful, charming and helpful to others in our own community and outside it. They have been nominated for a scarf in equal numbers by a range of teaching staff. The only concession I am going to give them is that they must come up separately to receive these awards so that they can be individual and special. So, in alphabetical order....!

Chris Lamb
Ed Lamb

5. I save the next boy to last on purpose. This boy has contributed to school life in such a quiet manner. He does not draw attention to himself, nor does he seek praise for his achievements. He

is not a natural sportsman but has definitely given it a go. He has represented the school at hockey, tennis and badminton (playing for the 1st Team). He has played fives, squash, tennis and badminton for his House. Likewise, he has been involved in House Drama and house singing, the latter of which he led. He is indeed a fine musician, playing first clarinet in the first orchestra and school band, and he has recently worked towards his Grade 8 examination. He has led music enrichment classes in the Prep School regularly during his lunchtimes working with boys in Years 3 and 4. He has been a winner the Woodwind Prize. He has worked his way through the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. And unlike many, I suspect, he has spent much time working in a local restaurant doing business administration, saving money for university. He plays volleyball for a team outside of school. Academically, he has given talks, taking him out of his comfort zone, and won prizes; in fact, he has been so amazing that his house has named their work room after him – a plaque went up recently! I am delighted to give the last House Scarf of the year to another richly deserving boy, **Harjeet Sumal**.

The McGavin Cup

The McGavin Cup is awarded annually in the memory of David McGavin, an old boy of the school, who was killed in a car accident a few years ago. David's parents wanted to have the cup awarded to someone they felt exhibited the same qualities as their son namely, integrity, kindness, perseverance and leadership in a number of areas of school life.

This goes to **Richard Man**.

I now invite David Murray, President of the OB Club, to the platform to perform a ceremonial duty. David became President of the Club last year and presided over a very successful 125th anniversary for the Club. He will now present an OB tie to Fraser Dingwall as a symbolic receiving of the Upper Sixth into the OB Club.