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Summer term – June 2019

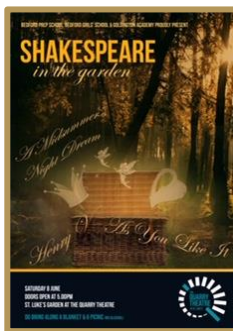
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Bedford students campaign over climate change at Harper Square - 24th May 2019

Students from GA alongside other schools campaigned for climate change in Bedford's Harper Square. There are so many issues in society that young people feel passionately about ranging from the refugee crisis to persecution of different faiths around the world. Politicians such as MP Mohammad Yasin and green party councillors were present at the campaign. The need to look after our planet is more important than ever before as we will be the next generation faced with the problems that climate change brings. If you are interested in a two day course about climate change and plastics there is an event in the holidays. See the competitions and events section below for further info.

Shakespeare in the Garden at The Quarry Theatre – 8th June 2019



This event took place in The Quarry Theatre gardens with Royal Shakespeare Company actors. Year 7 and 8 pupils from Goldington Academy alongside Bedford School and Bedford Girls School performed Shakespeare pieces. Well-known actors such as Patrick Robinson from Casualty shared skills and helped with the performance of, *A Midsummer's Night Dream*. The outside production was enjoyed by parents and all those who attended. Check out the review by following this link:

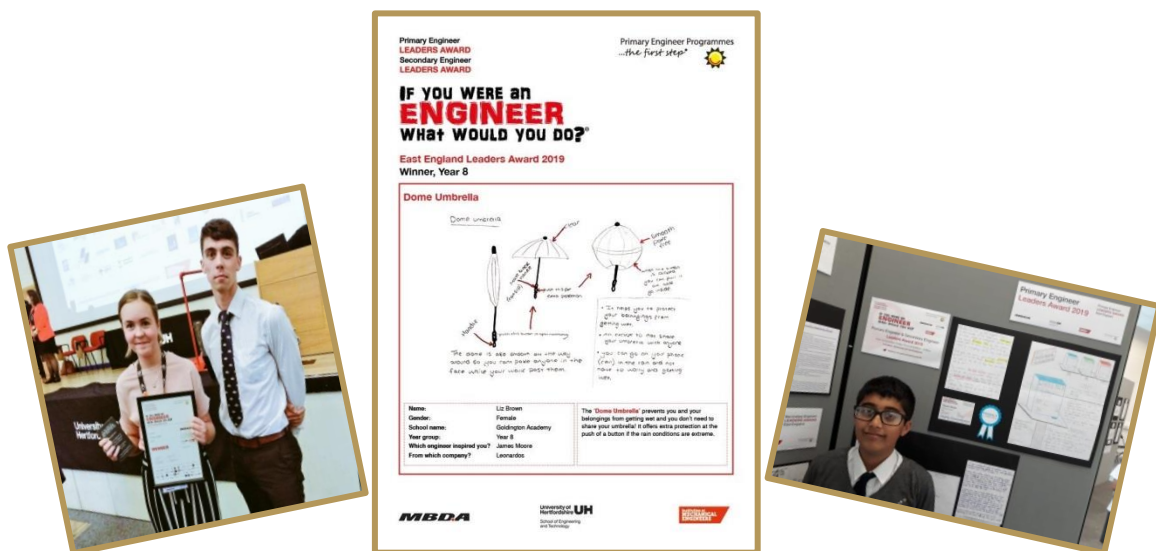
<https://www.bedfordschool.org.uk/shakespeare-in-the-garden-2/>

Watch out for Into the Woods JR school production which will be at The Place in July. Tickets are available now! The show dates are the 10th and 11th July at 7:30 pm. It is suitable for children 8+ and is open to the students, parents and the public. For further info T: 01234 354321 or E: info@theplacebedford.org.uk or website: www.theplacebedford.org.uk/tickets
(The review of the show can be found under Theatre Reviews on the journalism section of GA website).

Resident reviewer for The Place, Zahid has written reviews on the following shows: Journey to the Impossible and This Noisy Isle which has also been published in A Younger Theatre. Read the reviews by following the links below:

<http://www.ayoungertheatre.com/review-journey-to-the-impossible-the-place-bedford/>
<https://findtheplacebackstage.wordpress.com/2019/07/01/review-of-this-noisy-isle-june-2019/>

Engineering competition winner: East England Leaders Award at University of Hertfordshire – 7TH June 2019



The competition was the Primary and Secondary engineering awards in relation to the East England Leaders Award. Amazing work was submitted by year 8 pupil Liz Brown who won the competition. The contest required designing a new innovative invention. Liz Brown's invention was the dome umbrella which stops you and your belongings getting wet. Year 6 pupil Rayyan received the award for highly commended for his fantastic efforts. Dan Aldred from year 8 was also shortlisted for his roller boot invention. Their designs were exhibited at Hertfordshire University.

Science, cookery and drama workshops with The Hills Academy – 13TH June 2019

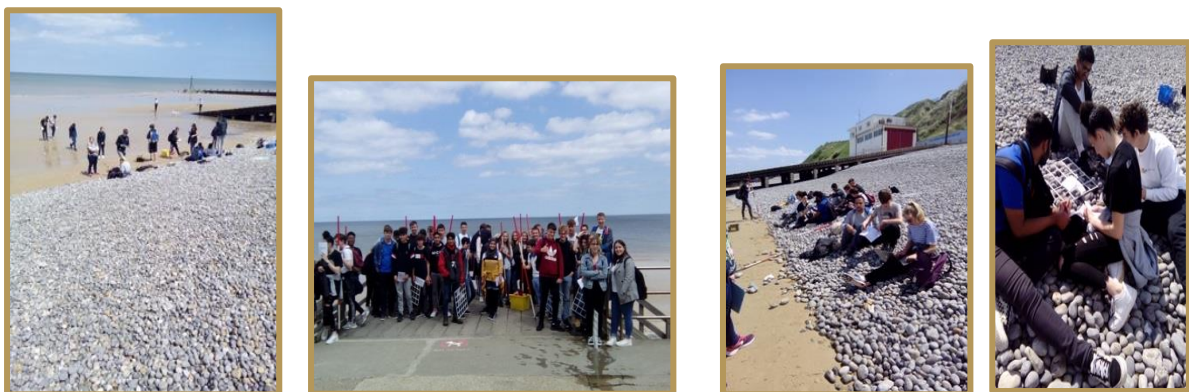


Students from The Hills Academy visited GA to take part in various workshops led by GA. Hills Academy pupils designed, prepared and made savoury pop tarts. Decision making went alongside carefully created savoury snacks from an array of ingredients. They thoroughly enjoyed the event and made final products to be proud of.

Geography students trip to Sheringham – 17TH June 2019

Year 10 geography GCSE pupils visited Sheringham beach which is located on the North Norfolk Coastline. The activities they carried out included lots of measuring. For example the shape of the beach using ranging poles, use of tape measurers and clinometers also the measurement of pebbles using quadrats and rulers and the longshore drift using a stop clock. The wave frequency was measured by counting how many waves break, after every five minutes.

This trip was vital for the GCSE geographers as field work is needed for section B of paper 3 - geographical applications.



4 minute film challenge – 18TH June 2019



Miss Morgan Head of Art has given the lowdown about this challenge and what it entailed.

Students from Goldington were invited to take part in a national competition by Culture Street UK in order to promote public sculpture around the UK. The Two Faces sculpture in Bedford town centre, sculpted by Rick Kirby, seemed the perfect piece to discuss. Representing Bedford's rich history in lace and brickmaking and the cultural diversity of the town, the Two Faces creates a bold statement conceptually as well as physically. Kaci Clarke, Poppy Roberts and Hazel Holme researched the sculpture and realised it is a debatable piece. Online comments suggested that many locals did not like it. We sought to change people's perceptions by helping them understand more about the piece. The team interviewed members of the public to hear their thoughts. Should we be successful with the competition, it will be published online to help promote the arts within Bedford and to help people understand the piece in greater detail.

Anne Frank Trust – 20TH June 2019



GA was very honoured when The Holocaust Educational Trust came in to deliver a presentation to year 7 and 8 pupils about the impacts of the Holocaust. The Trust has been running since 1988 where they have visited thousands of students across the UK. Eva Clarke a survivor of the Holocaust expressed her views towards her mother's confinement in Auschwitz and the separation of Eva and her mother in two different camps. Her experiences, helped listeners to understand what hate can lead to and how the Holocaust affected people's lives. If you are interested in finding out more about the trust, visit this link: <https://www.het.org.uk/>

Blue Peris trip – 22nd - 25th June 2019



Year 6 pupils got the chance to visit Blue Peris Mountain Centre in Snowdonia, North Wales. They participated in lots of outdoor and indoor activities such as abseiling, climbing, orienteering and problem solving. If you want to find out more head to this website: <http://www.blueperis.co.uk/>

Whipsnade Zoo Animal Behaviour activity – 21st June 2019

Year 10 GCSE Travel and Tourism students visited Whipsnade Zoo with Mr Galbraith as part of their learning journey for this new course that is now being offered by GA. Mr Galbraith has explained what the visit involved. "This tourist attraction is ideal; as there are conservations where people work together to create a sustainable relationship between wildlife and humans. It was a fantastic trip and it was so helpful to see how this organisation works."

Choir work with VOCES8 as part of a joint schools singing day - 25th June 2019

Mrs Lodder has given an account of the day and what was required and accomplished by the pupils.

Bedfordshire Voices is a combined schools event organised by the Bedford Music Hubs to offer young singers in our community the chance to work with some inspirational singers, to experience singing in a massed ensemble and to perform in the wonderful Great Hall at Bedford School. Our choir had the enormous privilege of working with VOCES8 (an internationally acclaimed Acappella group) as part of this experience. They were treated to workshops developing vocal technique and were given some coaching on a song they were to perform as part of the celebration concert.

During the concert, the choir performed brilliantly and received a wealth of compliments on their confident and accomplished performance. They really were a credit to the school.

Imperial War Museum trip in London - 26th June 2019



The Imperial War Museum (IWM) is a family of five museums including the Churchill War Rooms, HMS Belfast, IWM North in Manchester and IWM Duxford. Year 9 GCSE history pupils visited the Imperial War Museum where they explored the different exhibits ranging from the First World War, the Second World War – turning points: 1934-1945 and to how peace and security laws came into order from 1945- 2014. This was a beneficial trip for GCSE historians to further their understanding. If you would like to find out more about the IWM follow this link:

<https://southbanklondon.com/IWM-London>

RAF Wittering trip in - 27th June 2019



Pupils in year 9 and 10 got the chance to visit the RAF Wittering museum. The RAF museum has protected the skies of Britain for more than a hundred years and is enlisted in 15 missions in 22 countries! Year 10 pupil Raahimah who attended the event has expressed her views about the trip below.

We were given the opportunity at the RAF to have a fun day full of languages and science! We started off the day by doing a fun quiz. This activity gave us an opportunity to meet people from different schools, as we were in teams with pupils from other schools. Then it was time for our main activity! We were to make a small - scale model of a space hotel. This was super interesting, as not only did we have to be careful about safety measures, cost effectivity and many other factors of our

space hotel, but we also had to buy all of our supplies in French! For me, the best part was learning the Russian alphabet!

If you are interested in discovering more about the RAF head to this link: <https://www.raf.mod.uk/>

TeenTech event at The Ridgeway Centre - 11th July 2019

The TeenTech event is the first STEM event of its kind where pupils had the opportunity to try hands on experiments, utilise advanced technology and meet scientists, technologists and engineers. This interactive fun day was a way of students being able to experience a competition atmosphere. An example of this is when year 9 GA student Samiha came second place in a heated challenge where her invention involved building twirling skyscrapers to water unmanaged plants. Prizes and certificates were awarded. This experience enables you to develop ideas and receive mentoring from experts across the field as well as creating inspiration to further develop. There is also a TeenTech competition which you can enter and if you would like to find out further info head to this website: <https://www.teentech.com/teentech-awards/>

Recognition - Student Awards Evening for all years– June/July 2019

The end of year awards evening is the chance for teachers and parents to come together and recognise students who have particularly worked hard throughout the year. The awards are split into two categories: effort and achievement. Awards are given for subjects, sports, the arts, ambassadors, community work, principal and the head of year. Each year group has their own individual evening of celebration where certificate and gifts are awarded.

Teachers here at Goldington have also worked extremely hard to enable students to have opportunities and strengthen their learning through various trips, workshops, clubs, support and extra-curricular activities. Follow this link which gives info about the Teaching Awards and the recognition given to teachers:

<https://teaching.blog.gov.uk/2019/07/10/seeing-big-smiles-and-supporting-student-mental-health-the-moments-that-make-teachers-proud/>

A selection of the many activities this summer term at GA



Computer science workshop at Bedford Modern



Fluid in Flight Performance practise



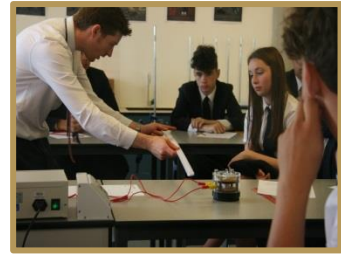
Jump 19, Regional youth dance performance



Summer concert at Bedford University



Yr 10 trip to Switzerland Geneva



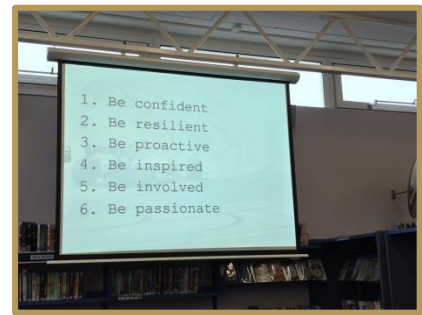
Visit to Kimberley College, Stewartby



STEM activities with Aspire Higher and EDT at Bedford University



STEM careers talk given by Bryaana from SportPesa Racing



Into the Wood Jnr art exhibition by GA art students - exhibited at The Place Theatre

COMPETITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Summer term 2019

❖ COMPETITIONS:

3rd June 2019 (closing date)

- Draw a comic strip - creative competition with John Bunyan Museum, Bedford Draw a comic strip showing life in prison from a mouse view. If you are interested in finding out more visit this website: <https://www.bunyanmeeting.co.uk/creative>

10th June 2019 (closing date)

- Film competition theme 'our future online' – Childnet FILM competition 2019 Young people to create films for their peers: making the internet safe and a great place a short film about internet safety. For more info head to the link below: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/film-competition/2019>

20th July 2019 (closing date)

- Young Historian Award 2019 - history competition for schools: Researching, writing and presenting ideas about a historical theme/period. For more information head to this link: <https://www.history.org.uk/ha-news/categories/455/news/3689/young-historian-awards-2019-secondary-prizes> and contact Mrs Andrews in the humanities department.

31st July 2019 at midnight (closing date and time)

- Betjeman Poetry Prize - open to ages 10-13 years Write a poem on the theme of PLACE. If you are interested in finding out more visit this link: <https://www.betjemanpoetryprize.co.uk/>

❖ UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd July 2019 – Ongoing

Launch Event and Summer Media Youth Group



- **Bedford Radio's Media Youth Group** Launch evening T: 6:00 -8:00pm @44 Harpur Street, Bedford - Age group: 14 – 18 years Free to apply The group will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 6:00 – 8:00pm during the summer initially. In this 10 week course you will learn media skills, support and help our community and create content for Bedford Radio. We are keen for young people to take part in the planning and development of groups and projects. The course will run for 1 year and take new young people for each 10 week course. Still time to register your interest and join - parents to contact: hello@bedfordradio.org.uk For more information please head to this link: <https://bedfordradio.org.uk/mediayouth/>

15 – 27th July 2019

➤ **Bedford Festival Fringe**

@The Quarry Theatre and The Place Theatre

Over 150 events will be staged which also include some free events ranging from a Circus workshop to Georgia Leonard; A Wish To Sing

For more information please head to this website: <https://bedfringe.com/>

17th July 2019

- **The Place theatre Write it Down Dear: Writing Workshop** T: 6:00-8:00pm Age group: 14y +
Practical workshop about people who want to write a drama about life; the way it's lived, imagined or somewhere in between. Open to all abilities. Tickets and for more information head to this link <https://bedfringe.com/events/write-it-down-writing-workshop/>

18th July 2019

- **Youth Cabinet monthly meeting** T: 6:00pm – 8:00pm @ Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford Age group: 11-18 years
The Engagement & Development Team believes that Children and Young People should be SEEN and HEARD ...if you are a young person who has something to say then The youth Cabinet needs you! Run by young people, for young people, the Youth Cabinet works to make things better by listening to the key issues and working to bring about change!



If you are interested in finding out more information parents to register interest e: voice@bedford.gov.uk and or visit website: www.bedford.gov.uk/youthcabinet

20th July 2019

- **The Place Theatre Review Writing Workshop BEDFRINGE Event** T: 2:00pm and 3:00pm
This is a free workshop aimed at students who want to enter the competition for next season with The Place Theatre, lots of helpful tips and guidance.
If you would like more information and to register your interest parents can email eh@theplacebedford.org.uk t: 01234 354321 or general E: info@theplacebedford.org.uk

21st July 2019

- **The Place theatre Physical Theatre & Devising** T: 1:00-5:00pm Age group: 12yrs +
Outbound Project will lead you through techniques to devise movement, theatrical context and more. Maybe your work will be in the festival next year! Open to all abilities.
Tickets and for more information head to this link: <https://bedfringe.com/events/physical-theatre-devising/>

24th July – 28th August 2019

- **The Higgins Museum and Art Gallery - Get Creative Teen Workshop** T: 12.30 – 1.30pm
Every Wednesday from 24th July to 28th August - Age group: Year 7 to Year 11
Explore different skills and media at our taster workshops. Explore with artists and gain insights into the professional arts world. For beginners or those who want to have a go at something different. Workshops include mixed media, creative writing, cyanotype and paper sculptures.
Places are limited and can be booked in advance at reception. If you would like more information T: 01234 718618 or email: thehiggins@bedford.gov.uk



- **The Higgins Young Peoples Panel (HYPP)** – The Higgins Museum are looking for volunteers and panel members for more info head to this link:
http://www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk/join_in/higgins_young_peoples_panel.aspx



5th August 2019

- **Entrepreneur Challenge Day** – PwC Foundervine Fun 4 Young People T: 08:00- 15:30pm
@PwC offices in Cambridge - Age group: 12 – 16 years Free to apply
Bus leaves Great Denham Park and Ride (opposite primary school) Great Denham
For more information and parents to book please head to this link below:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/entrepreneur-challenge-day-pwc-foundervine-tickets-61867300762>



6th - 7th August 2019 – 2 Day Event

- **The Plastic Planet Project** - Fun 4 Young People T: 09:00- 15:30pm
@Bedford Modern School – Age group: 10-16 years
Young people will learn about the effects of global climate change on our lands and oceans as well as lots of teamwork to create products that can be used at home.
For more information and parents to book please head to this link below:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-plastic-planet-project-2-day-event-10-16years-tickets-61868929634>



- **Family Yoga: children and teenagers with Mo Robinson** PGCE @Trinity College, Bedford
Monday T: 4.30 – 5.30pm. Places available to pre-book - to find out more info
parents to t: 01234 291777 or visit the website: <https://ommoshantiyoga.co.uk>