



St Andrew's School Bedford

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Year 8 Girls Interview Aled Jones



Although many of the girls and parents were disappointed not to get tickets for the recording of Songs of Praise at St Paul's Church, the BBC made it an experience to remember for the Year 8 girls who are part of the BBC School Report project, taking place later this term.

Mr Jones, who organises the BBC School Report project, arranged with the producer of Songs of Praise for four Year 8 girls to interview the show's presenter, Aled Jones.

On Friday evening, when he had finished filming, the girls went to St Paul's to interview Aled.



The girls also had the opportunity to make a report with the BBC film crew.

The girls' interview with Aled will appear as part of the BBC School Report day on Thursday 24 March. Thanks to Mr Jones and Mrs Ryan for arranging this opportunity for the girls.

Cross Country Success



Year 5 and 6 Team

The Bedfordia Cross Country at Lincroft.

In the Year 4, 5 and 6 race the top three St Andrew's girls were Eva Kloosterboer who came 41st, Katie York who came 69th and Erin Wilkinson who was placed 75th. Over 160 runners took part in the race, so these results are excellent.



Year 7 Team

In the Year 7 race Bonnie Murphy was placed 6th, a fantastic achievement when over 160 ran in this race as well. Verity Wootton was the next placed St Andrew's girl, followed by Tilly Lumsden.

The District Cross Country was run on 20 January at the Priory Marina. Bonnie Murphy maintained her excellent form and was placed 7th. Francesca Baccarella was the second placed St Andrew's girl, followed by Verity Wootton.

In the Year 4, 5 and 6 race Eva really came into her form and was placed 28th. Lulu Murphy came 61st and Katie York 62nd. Mable Lundie in Year 4 deserves a particular mention as she was placed 76th against a majority of Year 5 and 6 runners.

Congratulations to all the girls who took part and thank you to the PE department for their work in training the girls.

Junior School Clubs

A great range of Junior School Clubs are available to the children. These extra-curricular clubs give the girls and boys opportunities to develop new skills and to form new friendships.

ICT Club



ICT is an increasingly important part of life and this club, run by Mrs Ayres, gives the girls and boys the chance to practice their ICT skills and have fun!

Craft Club



In Craft Club the girls have been making purses, developing many craft skills, including designing and sewing. As you can see they have produced some wonderful felt purses.



Other clubs include.....

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| Choir | Book Club |
| Netball | Hockey |
| Cross Country | Puzzle Club |
| Swim Squad | |

Junior Art Club



Junior Art Club, run by Mrs Watt, gives the children opportunities to work on various art projects, developing their art skills in many different areas.

Board Games Club



Board Games can seem old fashioned in the age of computer games, but they are great fun and help to develop lots of important skills.

Year 4 Go Greek



Year 4 have been studying examples of Ancient Greek inspired architecture in Bedford.

The girls are currently learning all about the Ancient Greeks and looked closely at the wonderful buildings the Greeks designed and built. They learnt about the building of the Parthenon and the three main types of pillars which were popular during that time.

Walking through Bedford, the girls were able to see examples of Ionic pillars on some of the houses. The Harpur Suite is a fine example of Greek inspired architecture and the girls were inspired to produce some superb sketches of the building.

Senior School Clubs

PE Clubs



This term we have introduced some additional clubs in response to interest shown by our girls. There is a new dance club which has started on Fridays after school. This is a street dance club and is open to Junior and Senior girls and the girls who have joined are really enjoying it.

We have introduced a trampolining club, which we are holding on Friday lunchtimes. This is the first time we have held trampolining at lunchtime and are hoping it will make it easier for girls to attend as not everyone can stay after school. It is open to girls in Years 7 to 11.

Our other new club is a badminton club for Years 9, 10 and 11. This is held on Thursdays after school.

These clubs are in addition to Early Risers Tennis, Squad Swimming, Year 7 and 8 netball club, and Year 5 and 6 netball, hockey and cross-country clubs. After half term the Year 2, 3 and 4 netball club will start after school.

Mrs Bassett-Gilham

Extra-Curricular Music



Senior Choir is open to all girls in Year 7 to 11. This term they are preparing for a workshop with Voces 8 at Bedford School, the summer concert and Prize Giving in July.

'Choir is great fun and you sing a range of songs and perform.' Annie Year 7

Orchestra is for all instrumentalists who are grade 1 and above. They play a range of music and perform at school events.

'When you start orchestra it can be hard, but the other players help you and after a while it is easier.' Bonnie Year 7

Violin, viola, cello and double base players of all standards form the **String Group**.

'String group is very good because you have lots of fun and learn with others string players.' Verity Year 7

Design Technology Club



In last term's Design Technology club the girls produced hardwood nesting boxes.

They thoroughly enjoyed the process, learnt lots of new skills, helped one another and made a gift for their fathers and grandfathers.

Several extra boxes were made to encourage wild life around the school and you should see them soon on trees in the school grounds. I have asked the girls to record and take photos of any birds that use the nesting boxes.

This term we are making salad tongs and jewellery boxes if anyone would like to join us on a Wednesday afternoon.

Ms Scorer

Spanish club

A new venture is our Year 9 Spanish club.

Held on Monday at lunchtime, we are using the textbook 'Amigos' as well as a workbook, 'un cuaderno'.



Lessons consist of talking, listening to and reading about Spain and other Spanish countries in the world.

We are still at the basic stage, but we can give all the details about ourselves in Spanish!

MadameTribe

Other clubs include.....

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Art Club

Computer Club

Drama Club

Carnival Heads Completed

We reported on the Year 11 Carnival Heads project in the October edition of the e-newsletter.



The girls constructed the heads from willow withies and covered them in a skin of muslin and PVA glue.

The girls have now completed painting the heads and they are displayed on the gallery of the New Hall in Senior School, where they make a fantastic impression.

Dates for Your Diary

Key Stage Four Information Evening—Wed 2 February

Junior School Consultation Evening—Wed 9 February

Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening—Thu 17 February

Year 7 Parents' Consultation Evening—Thu 3 March

Year 8 Parents' Consultation Evening—Wed 9 March

Fantastic LAMDA Results

The certificates for the LAMDA examinations in December were presented in assembly on 31 January.



Speaking Verse and Prose

Grade 3

Mia Johnson	Pass
Elizabeth Simpson	Pass
Grace Wines	Merit

Grade 4

Harriette Grimes	Pass
Stephanie Ornithari-Roberts	Pass

Grade 5

Yasmin Townsend	Pass
Rita Coladangelo	Pass
Georgia Stratton	Pass
Abby Furnedge	Merit
Fiona Jones	Distinction
Caroline Franklin	Distinction

The Development Fund presents

Murder Mystery Evening

Foul Play at Fotheringhay

Friday 11 February—19.30 in
Walmsley Hall

A performance by St Andrew's School staff with a three course dinner.

Tickets £20, available from Helen Boland