

Blundell's Preparatory School Newsletter

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Uniform

Attached is a letter from Sophie Stevens who is the new manager of the Blundell's School Uniform Shop. There is also a map with directions to the shop. Through the generosity of the Friends of Blundell's Prep, we are very fortunate to have a fantastic Nearly New Uniform Shop. Anja and Penny would ask that if you do have any uniform of good quality which your child has grown out of then please do drop it in to school either the Nearly New Uniform Shop or into the school office.

Teatime Concert

Our third teatime concert of the year took place last night and once again all the children taking part tried hard and performed well. There was a variety of music offered and all those who attended enjoyed the occasion. There were many highlights but the audience certainly enjoyed Grace Francis' 'Super Trouper' on the clarinet and Grace Labdon's 'Gimme, Gimme, Gimme', also on the clarinet. Pupils and parents had to contain the urge to sing along!

Entrance Exams

Year 6 once again excelled themselves in the entrance exams with all of the children gaining entry to the Senior School. We are very proud of them as their efforts during the build-up were outstanding. I am delighted to say that 9 children were recognised by the Senior School with Junior Awards so our congratulations go to Tristan Cox, Anna-Rose Gabbitass, William Hall-Tomkin, Oliver Kilbride, Gregory Kitson, Byron Knowles, Marcus Lloyd, Jasmine Mackay and Archie Murray.

Music Scholarships

The Music Scholarships for the Senior School take place next week. Good luck to all of the children who are taking part.

Sunday Morning Cricket

The first cricket training sessions took place last Sunday in the Senior School sports hall. Mr Swain welcomes anyone who would like to come along. There is no need to book and attendance every week is not essential. Please refer to the attached leaflet for further information.

Coffee Morning - Friday, 10th February

Our next coffee morning takes place on Friday, 10th February at 8.30 am in the Prep School atrium. We had a lovely turn out last time and would be delighted to see this continue. Parents are also able to join us for the Prep assembly if they wish.

Music Exams

Well done to all the children who took the following music exams.

Associated Board Exam Results Autumn 2011

Harry Charlesworth	Trombone	Grade 1	Pass
Alex Curtis	Piano	Grade 1	Pass
Alastair Johnson-Ferguson	Trombone	Grade 1	Pass
Freya Marr	Violin	Grade 1	Pass
Sparkle Menzies	Cornet	Grade 1	Pass
Jodie White	Flute	Grade 1	Pass
Tristan Cox	Saxophone	Grade 2	Pass

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Grace Francis	Clarinet	Grade 2	Merit
Joseph Horsey	Baritone	Grade 2	Pass
Jack Klinkenberg	Saxophone	Grade 2	Pass
Grace Labdon	Clarinet	Grade 2	Pass
Emily Mettam	Piano	Grade 2	Pass
Jasper Pring	Trombone	Grade 2	Pass
Tabitha Vause	Piano	Grade 2	Pass

Trinity Autumn 2011

Mia Butterfield	Drums	Grade 1	Distinction
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Creative Arts Week 6th – 10th February

The preparations for this week are progressing well. We have had lots of parent volunteers which is wonderful. The children will be involved in a wide variety of activities including music, drama and art which will tap into their creative side. A letter containing more information will be coming home this evening with your child.

Pig Racing Saturday, 4th February

Tickets are still available for this event. Please do get a table together and join us for a really fun evening.

Tour of Old Blundell's School 25th February

Attached is a leaflet containing details of an exclusive forthcoming tour of Old Blundell's School.

Pre-Prep News

Congratulations to the following children:-

Certificates of Achievement

Jacob Tucker for learning all thirty-one of the Read, Write, Inc. set one sounds. He worked hard at home and at school to achieve this.

Victoria Curgenvin and Millie Evans for working really hard at home and at school with their reading. They have both now completed the Read, Write, Inc. series and can sound out words beautifully.

Joshua Withey for writing a fantastic story based on a picture that he was shown. He used super descriptive words and complex punctuation to complete his story which ran to four and a half sides of A4 paper! We are looking forward to more of his stories.

Archie Hull and Reuben Kerr for working extremely well within their science groups. They made decisions together with the rest of their groups, listened to each other, and took turns. Great collaborative work!

Swimming Awards

Reuben Kerr, 25m Rainbow Swimming Award.

Romulus Hill, Stage 2 of the National Plan Award

Meredith Thomas, 10m Rainbow Swimming Award.

Music Achievement

Sophia Fields has gained a certificate for completing Book 1 of the Chester's Piano course.

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Golden Book

Phoebe Jerreat for showing kindness and thoughtfulness towards a prospective pupil who spent the morning in Form 2K.

Yogi of the Week 23rd January

Joshua Withey, Evan Thomsett and Georgia Withey.

Christmas Book Challenge

Congratulations to the following children who successfully completed the first 'Holiday Reading Challenge':-

Will James, Meredith Thomas, James Saunders, Olivia Soutar, Issy Swain, Matthew Labdon, William Edwards, Harry Cracknell, Charlie Cracknell, Mia Ferrari-Relf, Grace Horan, James Dawkins, Beatrice Rhodes, Archie Hull, Georgia Withey, Hector Marr, William Luxton, Reuben Kerr, Alexander Fewtrell, William Maunder, Sebastian Tarrant, Romulus Hill, Toby Butler, Harry Southgate, Honor Tobin, Jasper Winsley, Barnaby Hull, Ellie Frost, Sophia Fields, Joshua Withey, Lousia Chambers, Phoebe Jerreat, Shea Clark, Elizabeth Honey, Lucie Spencer and Oscar Winsley.

Our thanks go to Mrs Nash for all the hard work which has gone into setting up this new holiday reading initiative. It has been a great success and the children are eagerly awaiting the next challenge which they will undertake during the Easter holiday.

Year 1 Trip to St Nicholas's Priory in Exeter

The Year 1 children greatly enjoyed their trip to St Nicholas Priory in Exeter where they undertook a most interesting 'Great Fire of London' workshop. They returned to school excited about all that they learned during the day. If you have not yet had a chance to look at the photos from the visit please do so. They are on display outside the Year 1 classroom.

Ella Spicer-Edwards

We are delighted to welcome Ella to the Pre-Prep. She is a second year student undertaking a degree in Early Years and Childhood Studies. Ella will be with us for eight weeks and she will be working primarily with the Year 2 children.

Sports News

18/01/12	Netball U11 A Bryanston Tournament	Winners of the Plate competition
18/01/12	Football U11 A & B v St. John's (8-a-side)	U11 A Drew 2-2 U11B Won 3-2
18/01/12	Hockey U11 A v Sherbourne Tournament	Runners up in the Plate competition
25/01/12	Football U10 A & B Millfield	U10 A lost 3-2 & U10 B lost 4-1
26/01/12	Football U9 A & B v St. Peter's	U9 A lost 5-2, U9B cancelled
26/01/12	Netball U9 A & B v St. Peter's	A W 9 - 1 B L 3 - 2

BLUNDELL'S SCHOOL SHOP

Telephone: 01884 232316

Shop Manager: Mrs Sophie Stevens

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to have the opportunity to write to you with details of the Blundell's School Shop.

The shop keeps a full range of school uniform for the Pre-Prep, Prep and Senior Schools. We also stock a limited supply of sports accessories; footwear, hockey sticks, tennis racquets. Uniform may be purchased by visiting the shop or by telephone, with payment made by cash or card. The shop opening hours are detailed below.

On the reverse of this letter is a map of the School campus, the shop is marked at No: 20. There are two car parks marked with a "P", one behind the Music School and the other adjacent to Westlake boarding house. The latter involves no road crossings on foot.

Opening Hours:

Term Time:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 8.30am to 4.30pm

Closed - 12 to 1 pm for lunch

Saturday - 10 am to 12.30 pm

School Holidays:

(Including half term and exeat weekends)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - 9am to 4pm

Notice of closure for Annual Leave will be posted on the School website.

I look forward to seeing you in the shop.

With all good wishes,

Sophie Stevens

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Boarding Houses

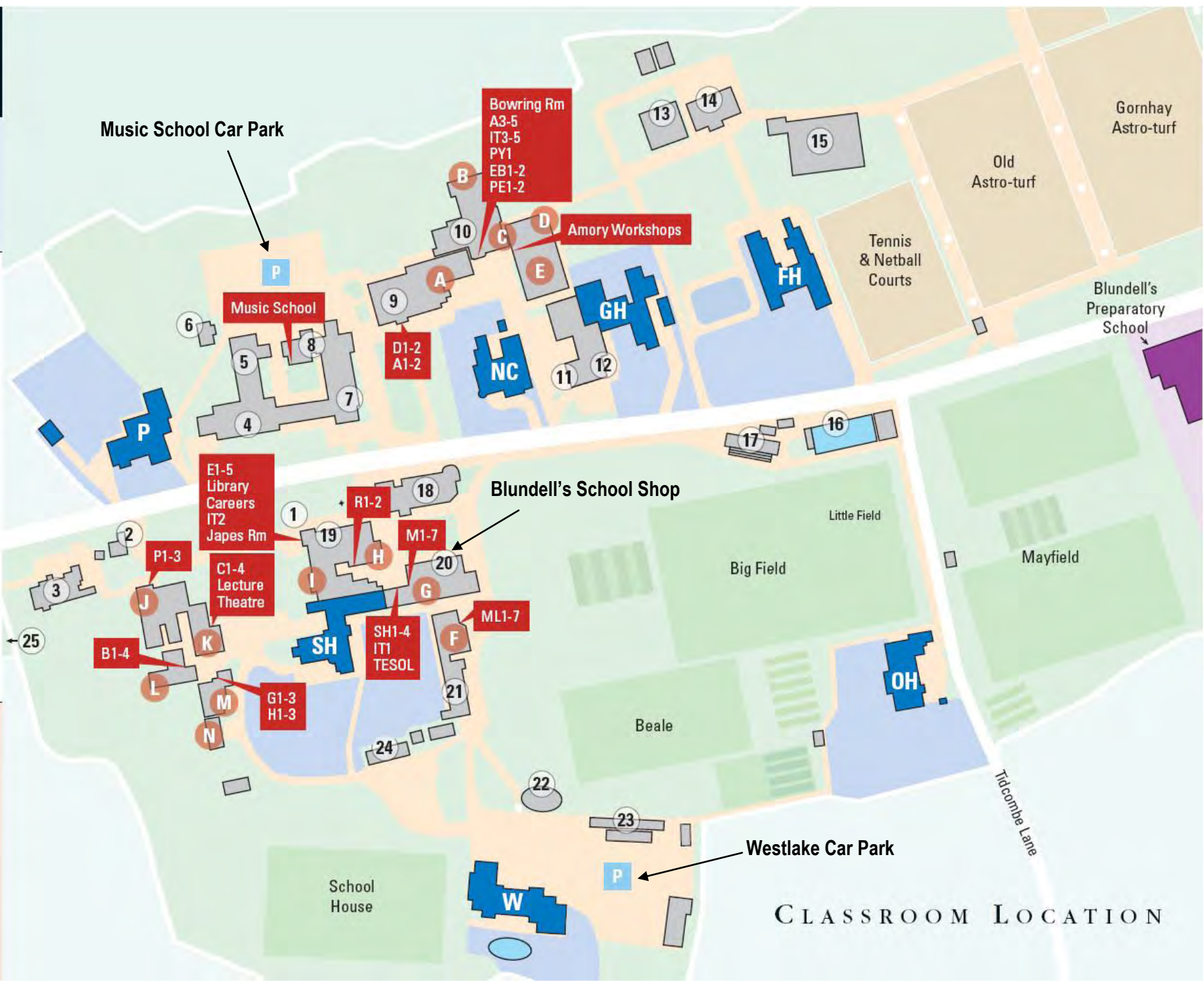
- FH** Francis House (b, 13-17)
- OH** Old House (b, 13-17)
- P** Petergate (b, 13-17)
- W** Westlake (co-ed, 17-18)
- GH** Gorton House (g, 13-17)
- NC** North Close (g, 13-17)
- SH** School House (co-ed, 11-13)

Facilities

- 1 Clock Tower
- 2 Porter's Lodge
- 3 Blundell House
- 4 Dining Hall
- 5 Kitchens
- 6 Laundry
- 7 Big School
- 8 Music School
- 9 Ondaatje Hall
- 10 The Popham Centre
- 11 Foundation Office
- 12 Bursary
- 13 Fives Courts
- 14 Squash Courts
- 15 Sports Hall
- 16 Swimming Pool
- 17 Cricket Pavilion
- 18 Chapel
- 19 Library
- 20 School Shop
- 21 Gymnasium
- 22 Beale Centre (OBs)
- 23 CCF
- 24 Porter's Office
- 25 Sanatorium

Departments

- A** Art & Drama
- B** Economics & Business Studies
- C** Information Technology
- D** Physical Education
- E** Design & Technology
- F** Modern Languages
- G** Mathematics
- H** Religious Studies
- I** English
- J** Physics
- K** Chemistry
- L** Biology
- M** Geography & History
- N** Learning Support



CLASSROOM LOCATION



Blundell's
PREPARATORY SCHOOL
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Preseason Cricket Coaching

Preseason cricket coaching sessions for all boys and girls
Year 1 to year 6 in Blundell's Sport Hall

Sunday mornings, starting 22nd January

9.00 am – 10.00 am Years 1 - 2 with Mr Swain and Mr Hope
10.00 am – 11.00 am Years 3 - 4 with Mr Swain
10.00 am – 12.00 noon Years 5 - 6 with Mr Hope first hour and both coaches
for the second hour (£5 per hour, children do not have to do both hours)

All sessions will be lead by James Hope (ECB level 2) and Simon Swain (ECB level 1 and Head of Blundell's Prep Boys Games). Children will be coached on all aspects of the game within a focused and fun coaching programme.

Equipment will be provided, but if a child has their own personal equipment please ensure it is named and that they bring it to each session along with a suitable drink.

Please select the allotted time for the age group suitable. Payment is on the day and is £5 each child per hour. All to meet at the Blundell's School Sports Hall, directions are available on the Senior School Website under the heading 'Contact Us' and then clicking on 'Directions and Maps'.

To book a place please contact Mr Swain on 01884 232416 or ss@blundells.org



Exclusive Tour of Old Blundell's
Saturday 25th Febuary from 11 to 3pm



Blundell's School together with The National Trust will be hosting an exclusive tour of Old Blundell's on February 25th from 11.00 to 3.00 with Blundell's Archivist, Mike Sampson and Lewis Paterson, the newly appointed Property Manager of Old Blundell's and Knightshayes Court there is answer any questions. The National Trust is very generously allowing the Community to take advantage of this one-off opportunity. Please come along at any time between 11.00 and 3.00 to view the property at your leisure.

*If you would like to attend please contact the **Development Office** at **Blundell's School** so we can adequately cater.*

Development Office; devoffice@blundells.org or 01884 243262