

Bedales Petersfield Live Events



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Spring/Summer 2025

Welcome to another spring and summer season at Bedales! Over the next two terms we will be treated to some fascinating lectures and inspiring performances both from our talented Bedalians and professionals in their field.

The 2025 spring and summer season offers a variety and breadth of entertainment, both from home grown talent and from invited companies and presenters. A big thank you to the co-curricular teams in the Senior and Prep school for all their hard work in producing such a stimulating and varied programme.

In the first half of term, alongside our Scholars' Concert and the infamous Rock Show we invite talks from Alice Smellie, author, journalist and menopause campaigner, and Camilla Pang, biochemist and autism activist. Late in January we host a film screening of *Six Inches of Soil*, an inspiring story of the fight by farmers to heal our soil and Ad Infinitum theatre company bring to us an award winning and visually thrilling nonverbal show *Last Rites*.

After half term we will be excited to hear our fully refurbished Steinway Model D resonate in its new home, the Assembly Hall. This is followed by a wealth of talent from BAC and A Level Theatre Studies and Dance students with scripted and devised performances. 6.2 (Year 13) students try their hand at directing 6.1 (Year 12) students with impressive results. Bedales Dance Performs is always a highlight, showcasing the amazing talent of dancers in Block 4 (Year 10) and Block 5 (Year 11) and in the Sixth Form.

TBC productions open the Summer term with their multi-award-winning and touching show *In Other Words*. An ideal evening out for lovers of romance and the music of Frank Sinatra. The inspiring Youth Dance Platform follows, always a sell-out show, bringing together dance performances from all over Hampshire. New to our programme and the success of the recent visiting poets to Bedales, we will host our very own Poetry Festival showcasing the work of Bedalian poets alongside published poets. More details to follow.

With the fantastic development of jazz at Bedales we welcome two events to the Summer term. Firstly, an opportunity to hear the 25 strong Bedales Jazz Band in an informal Jazz Café event in the Quad. Followed by a very special concert by two world renowned jazz musicians Jason Robello and Tim Garland, a night not to be missed. The Prep School feature highly this term with their ever-popular Rock Show and devised Block 2 (Year 8) Summer Play.

We end the year with the Senior School Show, *The Terrible Infants* which promises to be energetic storytelling at its best and the uplifting Summer Concert. Thank you to our audiences. Our students and the co-curricular team have been so pleased by the support we have received for our events so far this year. Long may it continue.

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(Mon-Fri 09:00-19:00, Sat 09:00-17:00 transaction fee applies)

Order one ticket for one event or multiple tickets for multiple events to pay a flat fee of £1.50 that covers the cost of printing the tickets and sending them to your home address, time permitting. Printing service is available on request.

Please note that tickets cannot be refunded or exchanged once purchased.

Please switch off your mobile phones and recording equipment when seated in the Bedales Olivier Theatre and related venues for our shows.



Follow the Bedales bee at the bottom of selected events to find out exactly why they have been programmed for you

Cracking the Menopause

Alice Smellie

Fri 10 Jan, 19:30 – 21:00 Olivier Theatre
(£10/£7)

Award-winning writer Alice Smellie, co-author of *Cracking The Menopause* with presenter Mariella Frostrup, comes to Bedales with all the information you need – and a generous side order of humour. Alice Smellie is passionate about the subject of women's health; both speaking and writing about it on television, at events and in national publications. She's also a director of Menopause Mandate, a campaign group that includes such names as Mariella Frostrup, Davina McCall and Carol Vorderman. Designed to equip you with the knowledge you need to manage your symptoms from perimenopause onwards, Alice's book separates the myths from the reality and offers expertise, hope and advice. We are delighted to welcome her.



 Alice is a journalist who has written for many publications, including the *Daily Mail*, *The Daily Telegraph* and *Marie Claire*

 [alice_smellie](https://www.instagram.com/alice_smellie)

Book tickets at bedalesevents.co.uk

Music Scholars' Concert

Wed 22 Jan, 19:00 – 20:30 Assembly Hall
(Free)

Come and support our talented musicians in another evening of solo items and chamber music. Our solo recitals are a wonderful way to hear how ambitious our students are and to appreciate the breadth of genres and styles that they individually choose to explore.

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Bedales Prep Show

Thu 23 (19:00) & Fri 24 (14:00) Jan
Olivier Theatre (Free)

The Prep School presents its annual Block 1 (Year 7) & Block 2 (Year 8) Show in January. A Gothic musical full of weird and wonderful characters will take to the Olivier Theatre stage. Book early to avoid disappointment!

For more info and to book tickets, please visit bedalesevents.co.uk



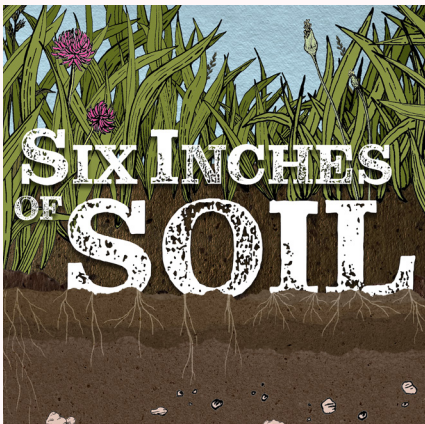
Six Inches of Soil film screening

Tue 28 Jan, 19:00 Olivier Theatre
(£5/students free)

In collaboration with Bedales, Petersfield Climate Action Network is hosting a screening of the soil health film *Six Inches of Soil*, followed by a discussion with a panel of local experts.

The film tells the inspiring story of British farmers standing up against the industrial food system and transforming the way they produce food - to heal the soil, benefit our health and provide for local communities.

For more info and to book tickets, please visit bedalesevents.co.uk



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Revisit the online event listing nearer the time to find details about the panellists

Last Rites

Ad Ininitum

Thu 30 Jan, 19:30 Olivier Theatre
 (£15/£13) Age guide: 13+

Last Rites celebrates the transformative power of grief and parenthood with exciting physical storytelling, dynamic projection and an immersive soundtrack. Told through a deaf man's unique perspective, this show tells the poignant story of a complex relationship cut short. Internationally acclaimed theatre makers Ramesh Meyyappan and George Mann collaborate for the first time in multi-award-winning Ad Ininitum's moving new non-verbal performance.

**** 'Tremendous' - *The Guardian*

**** 'Mighty theatrical lyricism' - *The Scotsman*

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www.ad-ininitum.org

 [theatreadininitum](https://www.instagram.com/theatreadininitum)

Bedales Rock Show

Wed 05, Thu 06 & Fri 07 Feb, 19:00
 Olivier Theatre (£28/£20)



This unique show has been the launching point for many Bedales students to go onto successful careers in the music industry, songwriters who have been streamed hundreds of millions of times, Grammy nominated producers, instrumentalists who have toured the world and also managers, promoters and sound engineers who got their initial spark of inspiration from performing in the wonderful surroundings of the Bedales Olivier Theatre. In the past year alone former Bedales Rock Show stars have been involved in two number one albums (performing, writing and producing), won a Grammy, a Brit Award and been nominated for the Mercury Prize for best album of 2024. Not to be missed!

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Eckersley Lecture


Different Minds, Big Solutions: How Science Needs All of Us

Wed 12 Feb, 19:30 Olivier Theatre (Free)

This year's Eckersley Lecture will be delivered by the award-winning scientist and author, Dr Camilla Pang. She will share her journey in science research and psychology, aiming to empower STEM students and the wider audience. Drawing from her own experiences with neurodiversity, Dr Pang will highlight how diverse minds bring unique strengths to solving global challenges, including the Sustainable Development Goals. Through a blend of science and community-driven innovation, Dr Pang shows how everyone can be a "solutionist," contributing to a more inclusive and sustainable future.

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Dr Pang embraces individuality, and that being different is an asset in the quest for solutions 

Steinway Piano Recital

Wed 26 Feb, 19:30 – 21:00 Assembly Hall
(Free)



Please join us for the first major piano recital since our 1976 Steinway Model D grand piano was fully rebuilt following successful fundraising within our community. Current Bedalians will be joined by some Old Bedalians to perform great works of the solo piano repertoire on this fabulous instrument which has been at the centre of the community for three decades.

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BAC Theatre Studies Scripted Performances

Mon 03 & Tue 04 Mar, 19:30
Olivier Theatre (Free)

The BAC Theatre Studies students will perform contemporary texts influenced by the practitioner Footsbarn in the Bedales Olivier Theatre. Established in 1971, Footsbarn Travelling Theatre is one of the world's leading theatre companies that strives to make theatre popular, generous and accessible for all. The casts of these productions will use contemporary scripts to enlighten and entertain their audiences.



For more info and to book tickets, please visit bedalesevents.co.uk

Student Directed Performances



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Thu 06 Mar, 19:30 Old Drama Studio (Free)

This ever-popular Sixth Form enrichment choice sees 6.2 (Year 13) students empowered to direct their peers in cutting edge, contemporary pieces of theatre. This student-led project highlights an array of talent both on and off the stage. In the past, this unique opportunity has provided students with a springboard on to careers in the arts as directors, designers and actors. We hope you can enjoy these shows that annually draw great support and excitement from the community as a whole.

For more info and to book tickets, please visit bedalesevents.co.uk

Bedales Dance Performs

Wed 12 Mar, 19:30 Olivier Theatre (Free)

Students with a passion for creativity and performing take to the stage for an evening filled with BAC, Enrichment and A Level examination pieces, as well as independent projects choreographed by the students taking their own ideas from studio to stage. The dance styles showcased vary widely, taking inspiration from professional practitioners, exam stimuli and the students' chosen themes. The students' talents, creativity, and originality will display their enthusiasm and dedication to Dance using this platform to share their hard work.



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Spring Concert

Wed 19 Mar, 19:30 – 21:00 Assembly Hall
(Free)

Our spring concert will showcase our main musical ensembles with a focus on orchestral and choral music. Join us for a programme which will include Mozart's *Coronation Mass* for choir and orchestra, Schubert's *'Unfinished' Symphony* and orchestral film music.

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6.2 A Level Theatre Studies Scripted & Devised Performances

Thu 20 & Fri 21 Mar, 19:30 Olivier Theatre
(Free)

We are delighted to present an evening of devised and scripted pieces developed and rehearsed by the 6.2 Theatre Studies A Level students. For the scripted pieces, the students will create naturalistic interpretations of the work of contemporary and traditional playwrights. For the devised work, the students will create their own pieces influenced by practitioners including the internationally acclaimed Gecko Theatre whose vivid visual imagery has astounded audiences. This promises to be a varied and entertaining evening and a chance to see the students showcase the culmination of many years of training, developing and honing their dramatic skills before many move into the industry as creators or performers. Book tickets at bedalesevents.co.uk



Music Exhibitioners' Concert

Tue 25 Mar, 19:00 – 20:30 Lupton Hall
(Free)

Our music exhibitioners form the backbone of our main music ensembles and this concert will be a wonderful opportunity to hear them perform a wide range of solo pieces, and to demonstrate their individuality and their progress. Please do come and support our young musicians and the esoteric range of music they have to offer.

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In Other Words

TBC Productions

Wed 26 Mar, 19:30 Olivier Theatre
 (£15/£13) Age guide: 12+

They call it 'the incident' now. What happened when they first met. He always said it was part of his 'romantic plan', but they both know that's rubbish. Connected by the music of Frank Sinatra, this intimate, humorous and deeply moving drama examines the power of music, memory and the nature of enduring love. *In Other Words* has more than 20 five and four-star reviews and has been seen by over 300,000 people in multiple languages across the globe. It is the English language original of 4x Molières Award winning phenomenon *Oublie Moi*.

- **** 'Stunning' - *The Reviews Hub*
- **** 'Outstanding' - *The Scotsman*
- **** 'Powerful' - *The Sunday Times*



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Youth Dance Platform

Sun 27 Apr, 18:00 Olivier Theatre
 (£7/£6)



We are thrilled to present another year of Youth Dance Platform, which aims to offer performance opportunities and inspire young individuals. The event will feature a diverse array of dance pieces crafted by local schools, colleges and groups in Hampshire. Additionally, we are honoured to welcome back the Hampshire Youth Dance Company, who will perform a piece developed by a professional choreographer from the contemporary dance scene.

Book tickets at bedalesevents.co.uk

Jazz Café

Wed 30 Apr, 19:00 – 21:00 The Quad
(£20, food & drink included)

Book well in advance for the new event which will showcase our wonderful jazz band in an informal setting with refreshments. There will be a wide range of jazz styles with music from the band and also smaller ensembles, something to suit all tastes.

Book tickets at bedalesevents.co.uk



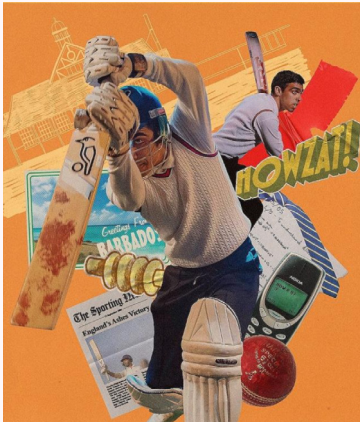
Duck

Two Magpies Productions

Thu 01 May, 19:30 Olivier Theatre
(£15/£13) Age guide: 12+

It's the summer of 2005, and Ismail, 'Smiley' to his friends, is about to become the youngest-ever player in his elite public school's First XI cricket team. He sets his sights on immortality – breaking the school batting record and getting his name into Wisden. Things are about to heat up. From award-winning playwright maatin, *Duck* is about adolescence, the pressures of sporting competition, and finding your identity in an environment that doesn't cater for difference.

**** 'It could not feel more topical' - *The Guardian*
**** *Everything Theatre*
**** *Broadway World*



twomagpiesproductions.com

For more info and to book tickets please visit
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Global Awareness Lecture

w/c 05 May, 19:30 Olivier Theatre (Free)

An important annual event in our humanitarian calendar where we hear from experts in their field. Previous talks have touched on international disaster management, peace keeping processes, humanitarian aid, refugee support and conflict resolution.

The lecturer for 2025 will be announced near the time so watch this space.

For more info and to book tickets please visit bedalesevents.co.uk



Summer Music Scholars' Concert

Wed 07 May, 19:00 – 20:30 Lupton Hall
(Free)

Please join us for the final music scholar concert of the year which will be the last opportunity to hear our 6.2 (Year 13) leavers perform solo. Please come and support them and the younger students as they demonstrate the progress they have made throughout their time at the School with a rich and varied programme of music.

Book tickets at bedalesevents.co.uk



6.1 Theatre Studies A Level Devised Productions

Mon 12 & Tue 13 May, 19:30 Olivier Theatre
(Free)

The first year of the A Level Theatre Studies course culminates in the performance of an adaptation of a classic text in the style of a chosen practitioner. Last year we were entertained by the reinterpretations of *All My Sons* and *My Fair Lady* in the style of the theatrical reformer Bertolt Brecht and Joe Orton's *Loot* in the style of the physically expressive practitioner Jacques Le Coq. We await to see what this year's students choose to create. Whatever the chosen combinations, they are bound to produce original and bold performances that showcase the growing confidence and fast developing skills of these Theatre Studies A level students.



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Prep Rock Show



Thu 15 & Fri 16 May, 19:00 Olivier Theatre
(£15/£12)

Bedales Prep Rock Show 2025 promises to be another extraordinary showcase of our finest young rock musicians. Guitarists, vocalists, keys, horns and drummers gather together in a celebratory gig, highlighting both the musical skills and the all-important sense of fun that our musicians have to offer. A wonderful occasion.

For details on ticket release date please see our website nearer the time at bedalesevents.co.uk

Bedales Poetry Festival

Wed 04 Jun, various locations during the day (Free) & 19:30 Olivier Theatre (£10/£7)

During the day expect an inspiring programme of poetry from Bedalians and Old Bedalians performing across our stunning site, and in the evening, professional poets join us in the Olivier Theatre. This is a collaboration project with Apples and Snakes to support our students in crafting and honing their own poetry, alongside the opportunity to hear poetry performances from a variety of diverse external performers. More information on timings, workshops, performances and locations will be shared nearer the time so watch this space. For more info and to book tickets please visit bedalesevents.co.uk



Tim Garland and Jason Rebello Concert



Fri 06 Jun, 19:30 – 21:30 Assembly Hall
(£18/£15)

We are very excited to welcome two great British jazz musicians with international reputations who boast between them a host of musical awards and successful albums. Pianist Jason Rebello and multi-reedist Tim Garland have worked together for three decades developing a unique musical partnership which has been described as 'instinctive and visceral.' Between them, they have also worked with other musical luminaries including Sting, Chick Corea, Wayne Shorter and Jeff Beck. This concert will showcase their unique musical partnership and will also feature a musical collaboration with Bedales' fine jazz band.

For more info and to book tickets please visit bedalesevents.co.uk

Bedales Prep Summer Play

Thu 12 (19:00) & Fri 13 (14:00) Jun
Olivier Theatre (Free)

As part of their Leavers' Programme, Block 2 (Year 8) will present an original play inspired by sport. Expect to find star players, washed up veterans and hard-nosed managers, in the fierce and furious world of competitive croquet!

For more info and to book tickets please visit bedalesevents.co.uk



Summer Music Exhibitioners' Concert

Wed 18 Jun, 19:00 – 20:30 Lupton Hall
(Free)

Please join us for the last solo concert of the year where our music exhibitioners will be proud to showcase the progress which they have made throughout the year. It will also be a last chance to hear solos from our leaving musicians and to thank them for their wonderful contribution to music during their time at Bedales.

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Bedales Senior Summer Show

THE TERRIBLE INFANTS

Wed 25 & Thu 26, 19:30 Olivier Theatre (Free)

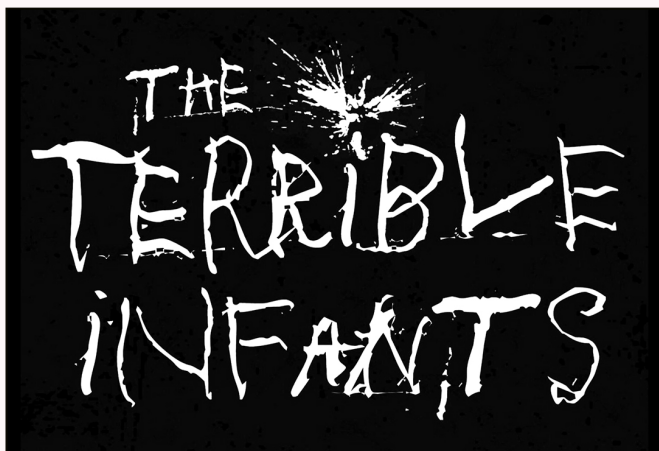
Based upon a series of twisted tales, *The Terrible Infants* written by Oliver Lansley will be a fantastic spectacle. Expect to see physical theatre and puppetry, originally composed live music and story-telling in a highly energetic theatrical feast suitable for big kids and small grown-ups!

Meet Tumb, the boy who eats his mum, Thingummyboy, with a face even his mother forgets, Little Linena, the material girl and of course Tilly and her terrible tail. Roald Dahl meets Tim Burton in this funny, sad, silly, dark, delicious, magical piece of performance where even the Bedales bee makes an appearance.

"THE TERRIBLE INFANTS School Edition" is presented by special arrangement with Bedales School and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Les Enfants Terribles.



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Outdoor Work Courses for Adults

In summer 2025 Bedales will once again be running courses here in Outdoor Work

- Blacksmithing and Garden Sculpture
- Oak Timber Framing
- Willow Weaving and Basketry
- Artist Charcoal Making

All courses will run between 07-11 July.
Limited spaces available so book early to avoid disappointment!

For more info and to book a place, please visit bedalesevents.co.uk

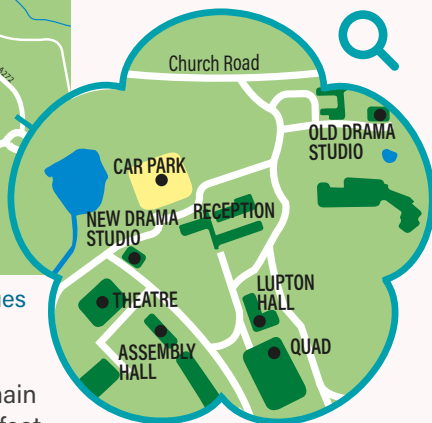


Getting here for your event



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Free, on-site parking is available in front of the main Orchard Building by taking the first right turn. On foot, follow the road through to the right, away from the main reception until you see an impressive, timber-framed, pyramidal building: the **Olivier Theatre**. Go straight through reception in the Orchard Building and follow the red brick path for the **Lupton Hall**, at the end of the equally awe-inspiring arts and crafts Memorial Library. For **The Quad**, follow directions as for the Lupton Hall but keep walking through a set of oak double doors under a covered way. The **Old Drama Studio** is the oldest building on the site and is tucked behind the new Art and Design building. Our **New Drama Studio**, opposite the Olivier Theatre, opened in 2021 and is now being used for some performances. Finally, the new **Assembly Hall**, opened 2024 is situated next to the Olivier Theatre. Feel free to come to the Olivier Theatre for directions if anything is too hidden.

Accessibility

Our performance spaces are versatile and accessible; if you have any special requirements, email: hello@bedales.org.uk to talk in advance, to help make your visit an enjoyable one. Conversations might include wheelchair assistance, assistance dogs, hearing loops or anything else that makes your visit better.

Concessionary tickets are available for recipients of Universal or Pension Credit, full time students and those under the age of 18. Please bring proof of entitlement with you.

We nourish and inspire community with events
that have head, hand and heart at their core

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Events Calendar at a glance



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