



Extracurricular activities

The latest news from schools around the country, compiled by Geoff Heath-Taylor

Dukes and Lord's

The Eton-Harrow cricket match at Lord's (above) is one of the great sporting events of the Season. This year, Eton stormed to a six-wicket win, aided by opening bat Armaan Treon with 103 not out off 98 balls. Captaining Eton was a young William Gordon-Lennox, following in the footsteps of his ancestors. The Gordon-Lennox family, Dukes of Richmond, have illustrious connections to the most gentlemanly of sports: the oldest set of written cricket rules in existence are at Goodwood House and many members of the family have played first-class cricket at county level as well as in this annual match, which remains the most coveted game in schools cricket.

First played at Lord's Old Ground in 1805 (a year before the first Gentlemen versus Players match), the Eton-Harrow match has been played annually at Lord's since 1822, broken only by a few years in the 1820s, 1856 and during the two World Wars. Many of England's greatest cricketers have played, including the legendary Studd brothers and commentator Henry Blofeld (for Eton).

Lambing success at Bedales

Bedales could never be accused of being a sheep.

In 2006, it introduced qualifications in outdoor work and in the Arts to supplement the core diet of IGCSEs. This year's projects included restoring a wedding cart, making oak gates and constructing a chicken coop. Students studying a Bedales Assessed Course are appraised for effort and enthusiasm, which was particularly true of the pupils studying sheep management. They learned about keeping medical records, treating lameness, shearing, pasture management and fencing.

'Lambing was my favourite part as we were given quite a lot of responsibility in caring for the newborn lambs,' says pupil Eloise. 'We helped prepare the pens and feed and I learnt a lot of new skills, such as tagging, tailing and castrating.' Not many pupils can say they learnt that at school!



Back to boarding school essentials

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After some last-minute drill instruction on Horse Guards, pupils from Woodcote House School in Surrey (right) took part in the London Waterloo 200 celebrations in June. They marched down The Mall in period costume, carrying massive heads of Blücher and Napoleon, which they had made during art lessons





Fit for a Queen Bee

Leading girls' school Wycombe Abbey has been undergoing an eco-revolution, with the introduction of chickens and an allotment. However, it was the school's first Inter-house Bug Hotel competition, for Year 9, that captured pupils' imagination. The brief was to create bug houses on a palatial scale, able to accommodate not only bees, but also ladybirds and lacewings. The results were spectacular, with puns aplenty; creations included a regal Buggingham Palace (above) and a magnificent Bugwarts, plus one inspired by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott's red telephone boxes and one based on the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

The girls concluded that bamboo provided the best lodgings for bees, pinecones were the most suitable for ladybirds and corrugated cardboard was appropriate for fragile lacewings. The winning house was Butler whose I (insect) Full Tower, with its 'sunny position, open vista and lofty elevation', provided a safe haven from ants intent on devouring any larvae.

Moving heads

→ Wellington College Sir

Anthony Seldon, one of the most high-profile public-school headmasters of recent years, has stepped down as Master of Wellington College after almost 10 years. His successor is Julian Thomas, previously of Caterham School, who will become the 14th Master of the Berkshire institution built as a monument to the Duke of Wellington

→ **Caterham** Mr Thomas has been replaced by Ceri Jones, formerly Second Master at Tonbridge

→ **Eton College** Simon Henderson, thought to be the youngest headmaster in the school's 575-year history, follows Tony Little, who is taking up a post with Gems, a Dubai-based chain of schools. Mr Henderson, 39, was formerly headmaster of Bradfield College

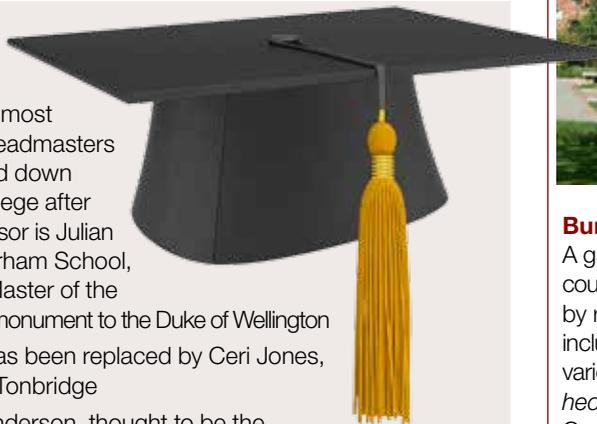
→ **Bradfield** Dr Chris Stevens becomes Headmaster after four years as Second Master at Marlborough College

→ **Francis Holland School** Charles Fillingham will take over in January 2016, having been Deputy Head at City of London School for Boys, when Vivienne Durham retires

→ **Aldro School** James Hanson, who previously taught at The Royal School, Haslemere, will succeed David Aston at the Surrey prep school

→ **Uppingham School** Richard Harman has announced that he will be stepping down at the end of the 2016 summer term after 10 years as headmaster. His successor at the co-educational boarding school in Rutland will be announced shortly

→ **Glenalmond College** Elaine Logan has succeeded Gordon Woods as the 18th Warden of Glenalmond. She was previously Deputy Head at Loretto School, Edinburgh



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Growing and learning



Wellington at Chelsea

An Old Wellingtonian commissioned the Living Legacy Garden (above) at this year's Chelsea Flower Show to commemorate the bicentenary of the Battle of Waterloo. It took visitors on a journey from the blackened battlefield, through the greening of the landscape to a pair of gate piers in the same style as the College. It was awarded Silver-Gilt.



Bunny Guinness at Oakham

A garden with a difference has been created in the open courtyard at Oakham School in Rutland (above). Designed by renowned landscape architect Bunny Guinness, it includes a grass-free lawn comprising more than 30 plant varieties, including *Geranium pyrenaicum* Bill Wallis, *Viola hederacea* and *Ranunculus repens* Buttered Popcorn. Over the summer term, science classes used the lawn as a focal point for their studies. The garden is adorned by a grand set of galvanised-steel arches, up which plants will be encouraged to grow.

Insight into estate management

The Duke of Devonshire's Bolton Abbey estate and the Duke of Westminster's Eaton estate are embracing an initiative organised by The Country Trust to give disadvantaged primary-school children an insight into the world of food, farming and rural estate management.

Schools for the future

COUNTRY LIFE will be working with The Future Schools Fair, which, from March 2016, will be organising regional events enabling parents to meet representatives of up to 40 schools in their area and attend seminars on a range of educational issues. Visit <http://futureschoolsfair.com> for further details.