



BRADFIELD COLLEGE

MASTERCLASSES

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## WELCOME

Bradfield College has a number of members of staff who would be delighted to come to your Prep School and deliver a masterclass or lecture to your pupils or staff. On the following pages, there is information on the various masterclasses on offer.

Do get in touch with our Marketing and Admissions Department if you are interested or wish to either discuss or book an event.

If you would like us to tailor any of the following masterclasses to your specific needs, please let us know and we will try to accommodate you.

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## VICKI RAE: WELLBEING

Vicki Rae is Director of Wellbeing and Housemistress of Faulkner's at the College. She qualified as a Registered General Nurse at St Mary's Hospital in London, and spent many years working in the NHS, specialising in Community Nursing and gaining a qualification in District Nursing. She has a wealth of experience in running a unique coeducational boarding house and dealing with the pastoral care of the pupils. As Director of Wellbeing, she has developed a bespoke programme helping young people deal with the complexities of adolescence. Vicki has a special interest in mental health in young people, mindfulness and exam anxiety. She qualified as an Instructor in Mental Health First Aid in 2014 and regularly runs courses for staff, parents and pupils. Her nursing background gives her a deep understanding of the mental and physical development of the pupils in her care.





DAVID BROOKS:  
**SCIENCE**  
“STATES OF MATTER”

Dr David Brooks is the Director of Science at the College. He arrived in 2013 from his Head of Chemistry post at St Benedict's School, Ealing. Before that, he was a teacher of Chemistry at Bedford Modern School. He has also taught Physics at Bradfield. David tries to promote a love of Science by presenting real world examples in his teaching and talks. His talks are aimed at entertaining pupils with plenty of demos and pupil interaction.

David would be delighted to visit your school and demonstrate the fascinating chemical reactions of solids, liquids, gases and plasma.



## CHARLOTTE DOHERTY: BIOLOGY

Charlotte Doherty, Head of Biology, joined the College in 2014. Graduating from Cardiff University with a degree in Biological sciences, she started her career in teaching straight away and has taught in a number of schools across the South of England. Biology is an essential subject in understanding how the world around us works, spanning from the molecular to the global level.

Charlotte can offer practical workshops on the physiology and functions of the heart, including class dissection.



## CHARLIE COGHLAN: SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Charlie Coghlan is a Physics teacher at the College. He arrived in 2015 direct from working for a renewable energy company and small investment bank in the Middle East. Prior to that he worked in London looking at ways to reduce gas flaring in the oil industry. Before that he spent ten years at BP working in a number of commercial and technical roles including as an Optimisation Engineer on a deepwater platform in the Gulf of Mexico.

Access to energy is essential to our very existence on Earth and the life blood of the world economy. Yet at the same time, the way we currently meet our need for energy by burning fossil fuels is causing massive changes to the environment through local pollution and an increase in greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Charlie's masterclass is centred around our energy use and its future implications.





GAVIN TURNER:

## CLIMATE CHANGE

OR

## FOSTERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF POWERFUL LEARNERS

(SUITABLE FOR STAFF INSET)

Gavin Turner joined Bradfield in September 2018 as Director of Teaching and Learning. He previously worked at St Edward's Oxford where he was Head of Geography and Lead Researcher for four years. He has a particular interest in educational research and is currently five years into a part-time doctorate in Education (EdD) at Cambridge University where he is researching the development of pupils' learning skills. He is passionate about supporting colleagues' continuing professional development with a view to fostering the optimum learning environment for all pupils allowing them to maximise their academic potential.

### CLIMATE CHANGE:

As the single greatest challenge to face humankind, this masterclass explores the causes, impacts and a range of potential solutions to the climate change crisis.

### DEVELOPING POWERFUL LEARNERS:

Our aim at Bradfield is to provide an 'Education for Life', developing powerful learners who are confident, innovative and resilient, who are able to go to work in the world and make a difference. This masterclass explores some of the skills we are trying to foster and develop in our pupils, the evidence base for this and practical 'take home' strategies that colleagues can use in their classrooms to support the development of powerful learners.



## ALEX WHITTAKER : ART

Alex Whittaker is a teacher of Art and lead teacher of IB Visual Arts here at the College. He came to the College in 2011 as Artist in Residence having worked as a freelance artist since completing his MFA with Graduate Fellowship from the Savannah College of Art and Design in the States. He has taken part in Artists' Residencies both in the UK and in Europe, as well as organising workshops for at risk teens for the BBC's 'Blast' festival and working as a commissioned artist.

Alex can specialise in a range of drawing, painting and printmaking media. His workshops range from core fundamentals to more advanced methods and techniques which are ideal for smaller groups.



MARC HOLMES:  
ART LECTURES  
AND SCHOLARSHIP  
ADVICE

Marc Holmes is the Director of the Art, Photography and Design Faculty. His background is in ceramics and sculpture but he teaches all disciplines to all year groups. He has been at Bradfield for the last eight years.

He would be very happy to offer a talk on Art to a group of pupils, offer a practical Art lesson or come and advise about preparing for Art Scholarship interviews.



ALEX COWAN:  
PHOTOGRAPHY

Alexandra Cowan is a teacher of Art, History of Art and Photography at the College. She arrived in 2004 as the Art Department Technician having previously worked in the Publishing Industry. In 2009 she set up the Photography Department for the AS and A2 courses with the GCSE course following soon after in 2011. She has a degree in History of Art but is also a practising artist specialising in Pet Portraiture.

The camera – the means by which we can visually record our day to day lives, special occasions and memories. Photography is a medium that we now take for granted; can we imagine life without photographs? How many of us really know where the art of ‘drawing with light’ originated or how magical the discovery was in Victorian times? Your pupils were born in the digital age; the age of the iPhone and the selfie, and satellite imagery that boggles the mind. Alex’s talk is centred around the history of photography.





## SAM REES: POLITICS

Dr Sam Rees has been Head of Politics at Bradfield since arriving at the College in 2013. He previously taught at Sixth Form Colleges in Hampshire and South Wales, and is also an experienced History and IB Theory of Knowledge teacher. His doctoral research was a re-evaluation of US-Iranian relations in the late 1970s and although his academic expertise lies in US foreign policy during the Cold War, Sam's areas of interest are fairly broad.

Today we live in an increasingly volatile political environment, and if you think it is important that your pupils find out more, Sam's masterclass can cover any aspect of UK politics, US foreign policy, the presidency, the War on Terror, or American Civil Rights.



## TOBY GOAD: HISTORY OF ART

Toby Goad is a Housemaster and History of Art teacher at the College. He joined Bradfield in 2007 having previously taught at Bryanston School, Wycombe Abbey and Godolphin and Latymer. Throughout history, Art has dealt with some powerful themes and events in striking and thought-provoking ways.

Toby's talk will focus on the Power of Art, specifically how art in the past deals with powerful universal themes such as politics, religion, wealth, mental health and love.



## MARK ETHERINGTON: JAZZ

Mark has worked at the College for 12 years, formerly as Head of Modern Languages and now as Head of Music Events. He has developed the Jazz and Blues genres into a high profile and successful part of the College's music landscape. A former professional jazz musician, Mark has instituted an annual programme of jazz concerts at the College, culminating in a celebration concert called "Jazz on a Summer's Evening" which attracts audiences of 400 plus and raises large sums of money for local charities. He runs the College jazz band, a proper "gigging" band which performs not only at College concerts but also at weddings, local events and private functions.

The College's Jazz Band would be delighted to come to your school to perform a set of live music – and if your school has some budding jazz musicians, perhaps they could sit in with us!





DAVID QUINN :  
CHORAL SINGING

Hailing from the North East of England, David was a chorister at Durham Cathedral where a long enduring passion for choral music developed. He joined Bradfield as College Organist in September 2018 and brings with him a wealth of choral experience, having previously worked with the choirs at Southwell Minster and Radley College. He was an organ scholar at St Peter's College Oxford, and continues to enjoy a thriving career as a choral director, both with his own upper voice chamber choir Polyhymnia, and with freelance work throughout the UK and further afield. Having also spent two years teaching the Kodály based curriculum at Headington Prep School, David is passionate about youth choirs and championing singing in the classroom.





## MATT LOWE: MUSIC

From choirboy at York Minster, to performing as a soloist and chamber musician at festivals across Europe and playing regularly with the BBC Symphony Orchestra (including at the Last Night of the Proms), Matt brings a musician's world into the College. Matt joined the College in September 2018 as Director of Music, having moved from Eton where, after a distinguished school career, he taught cello, chamber music and was coach to the 1st XI football team. His vibrancy and passion to help all pupils develop, enabling them to enjoy music whilst challenging them to be the best they can be at any moment, is something unique and will help music at Bradfield flourish over the years to come.

Matt is happy to help musicians at any stage and age by visiting Prep Schools to do masterclasses, workshops, assemblies, adjudicate competitions or perform.



LAWRENCE BEITH:

## ENTREPRENEURSHIP

“AFRICAN ECONOMICS AND  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP”

Lawrence Beith is originally from South Africa and joined Bradfield College in 2016. After graduating from Stellenbosch University with a Bachelor in Commerce, he spent a number of years as the Marketing Manager for three of South Africa's top wineries. After completing his Post Graduate Certificate in Education he ventured off on his own and started a few small businesses but eventually found himself back in teaching. He currently teaches Economics and Business and is involved in the enterprise programme that was launched in 2017 at the College. He has a passion for entrepreneurship and the workings of African economies and looks forward to sharing his views with your school.

Brian Chesky, the co-founder of Airbnb said “If we tried to think of a good idea, we wouldn't have been able to think of a good idea. You just have to find the solution for a problem in your own life.” Sometimes the best ideas aren't new, just improved upon. This masterclass outlines the skills every entrepreneur needs. The pupils then get to test their skills by designing, presenting and marketing a concept Dragons' Den style.



## COLIN BOOTH : HISTORY

Colin is Head of History as well as a Deputy Housemaster, having joined Bradfield in 2013. He has also led the College's Year 9 'Divisions' programme, as well as the Extended Project Qualification. Before that, he taught History and Politics in London, while completing a Masters in History education at UCL, having previously studied Law at the University of Reading.

Colin's interactive workshop is designed to help pupils critically evaluate source material – an increasingly vital skill for young people to develop in the modern world.





# BOARDING HOUSES

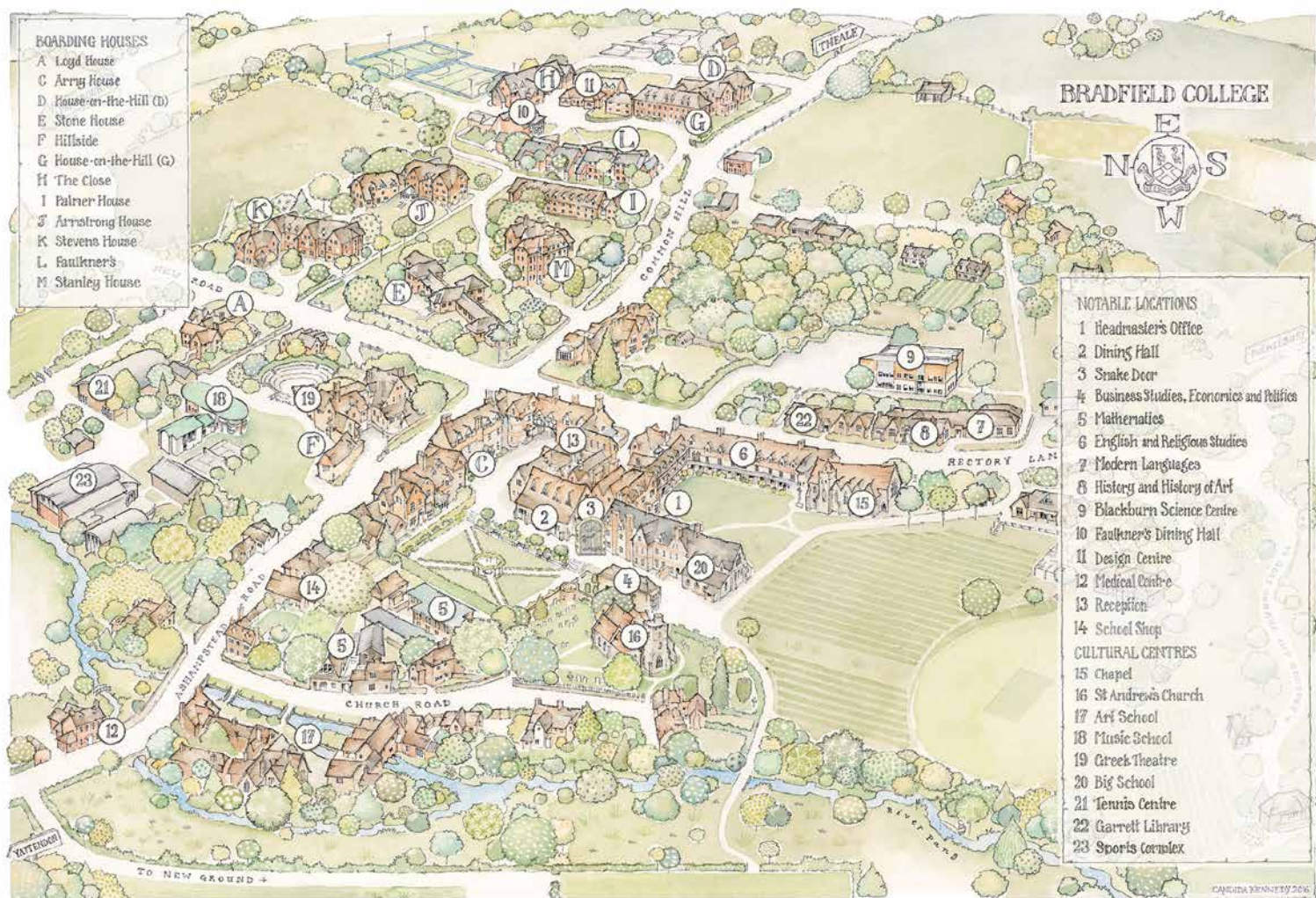
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- C Army House
- D House-in-the-Hill (D)
- E Stone House
- F Hillside
- G House-on-the-Hill (G)
- H The Close
- I Palmer House
- J Armstrong House
- K Stevens House
- L Faulkner's
- M Stanley House

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# NOTABLE LOCATIONS

- 1 Headmaster's Office
  - 2 Dining Hall
  - 3 Snake Door
  - 4 Business Studies, Economics and Politics
  - 5 Mathematics
  - 6 English and Religious Studies
  - 7 Modern Languages
  - 8 History and History of Art
  - 9 Blackburn Science Centre
  - 10 Faulkner's Dining Hall
  - 11 Design Centre
  - 12 Medical Centre
  - 13 Reception
  - 14 School Shop
- # CULTURAL CENTRES
- 15 Chapel
  - 16 St Andrews Church
  - 17 Art School
  - 18 Music School
  - 19 Greek Theatre
  - 20 Big School
  - 21 Tennis Centre
  - 22 Garrett Library
  - 23 Sports Complex





# PREP SCHOOLS' EVENTS

FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR 2019-2020

MICHAELMAS		LENT		SUMMER	
Thursday 26 September	Science Challenge	Friday 31 January	Netball Tournament	Sunday 17 May	Golf Tournament
Sunday 6 October	Football Tournament (Boys)	Wednesday 5 February	Indoor Cricket Workshop and Competition (Girls)	Friday 5 June	Tennis Masterclass and Competition
Friday 11 October	Hockey Festival (Girls)	Wednesday 26 February	Indoor Cricket Workshop and Competition (Boys)		
		Thursday 27 February	Demosthenes Public Speaking Competition		
		Friday 6 March	Football Tournament (Girls)		
		Friday 13 March	Hockey Festival (Boys)		
		Friday 20 March	The Big Sing		

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