



Welcome to BDA Sixth Form's

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# SIXTH SENSE

A news bulletin worth looking into...

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## The Sky's the Limit for BDA Athlete

LIA STEPHENSON, YEAR 12, has achieved exceptional athletic success this year and has been rewarded for her supreme efforts with a special recognition award.

Lia's triumphant few months began at the end of January with the London Indoor Games, where she won the triple jump - her specialist event - and came second in the 60m sprint.

Next was the Middlesex Championships in March which saw Lia again claim top spot in the triple jump and fourth in the 60m with a personal best of 8.15 seconds.

Her consistent performances are in no small part due to her drive and overwhelming desire to reach the top. Lia is determined to make a name for herself in her first year competing in the U20s category and has made a formidable start.

She said: "Even when I have a bad jump or training session I just stay focused and keep going as my goal is to one day compete for GB at the Olympics. Hopefully with the help and support of my coach, athletes, BDA, family and friends I will be able to pursue my dream.

Lia added to her extensive list of accomplishments in April with comprehensive victories in the Southern Athletics League - placing first in both the triple jump and high jump.

Last month the impressive athlete beat her personal best in the triple jump at the Youth Development League and is now ranked second in London and seventh in the UK.

For her continued success Lia has received the prestigious Jack Petchey Award for Outstanding Achievement. The award is in recognition of her outstanding commitment to sport.



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In addition, she has been selected to compete at the UK Women's League in June, alongside the best seniors and U20s in the UK.

Lia has also received a letter from overseas suggesting that she apply for a sporting scholarship at a US university.

For this promising young athlete, the sky's the limit.

# Mr Jerred Introduces Sixth Sense

**Mr Jerred:** Welcome to the first ever Sixth Sense e-bulletin! This weekly update has been started following feedback from students about improving the flow of information and opportunities in Sixth Form, and will contain key information for KS5 students, in addition to exposing prospective applicants currently in Year 11 to Sixth Form life.

We hope that students will begin to make contributions to this e-bulletin, so please do send us your photos and articles relating to your experience at BDA.

It's been a particularly hectic time in the Sixth Form with exam preparation reaching the final stages, UCAS Firm and Insurance choices being made and the student forum generating a number of key discussion points! One of the common themes of the discussions with Sixth Form students has been the use of the study and social areas within Sixth Form; we are now in discussions about a possible redevelopment of these areas and will be involving students in this process.

In addition, Year 13 have been busily planning their end of year Formal Dinner, and have chosen the location and menus themselves for what promises to



be fantastic celebration of our time together. Over to wishing Year 13 well in their future endeavours at university and beyond.

Please continue to give feedback on what information you would like shared through Sixth Sense, as it will continue to evolve for your benefit!

## Mr Fenn says...



The exams are upon us and I wish you all the luck in the world. However, luck will play no part – preparation will. Use your exam timetable effectively and ensure you still continue to come in for all of your lessons until your exam in that subject is finished. Your personal statement deadline is on the 12<sup>th</sup> June (the first Wednesday back). It is essential you use your UCAS workbooks to help you completing these. However, it is up to you in terms of how much you wish to complete of these books. Once you have your first draft, the school will really be able to help you improve these and tailor them toward your particular course choices. However, this cannot be done without a first draft.

## Miss Megaw says...



Good afternoon year 13! It is now only **three weeks until the start of your exam timetable**, and of course some of the A2 and AS exams have already begun – MFL this week, and Art next week.

Please ensure you are making use of your extra revision sessions with class teachers and maintain your focus and attendance over the coming weeks. Please don't forget to complete your **firm and insurance choices and your student finance applications** this weekend.

Well done to the SOTW this week; **Taha, Mickaela, Jimmy** and this week's DOL SOTW **Catia!**

# Uni Profile: The University of Sussex

Known for a modern approach to education, a politically engaged student population and a wide range of extra-curricular societies, the University of Sussex has a lot to offer.

The prestigious Russell Group institution is recognised internationally for world leading research and is famous for producing radical thinkers, including a wide range of successful writers, politicians and academics.

The campus is located in an area of outstanding natural beauty. Nestled alongside the spectacular Sussex Downs, it is just a stone's throw away from Brighton, a vibrant seaside city bursting at the seams with culture and originality.

What's more, the campus is statistically the sunniest in the UK, great for exploring the sweeping Sussex countryside and kicking back with friends after a long day in the library.

Always at the top end of the Times Higher Education University Rankings, it is currently placed 13<sup>th</sup> in the UK and 34<sup>th</sup> in Europe. Sussex boasts a diverse and thriving international community with students, researchers and teaching staff from over 120 countries.

For literature fans, the library houses a fascinating



collection of Virginia Woolf's personal correspondence, drafts and manuscripts, written and annotated in her own hand.

They have recently acquired the pioneering modernist's engagement diaries, which detail the years leading up to her death in Lewes, just a few miles down the road. The collection is available for public viewing.

What more could one want from their time at university?

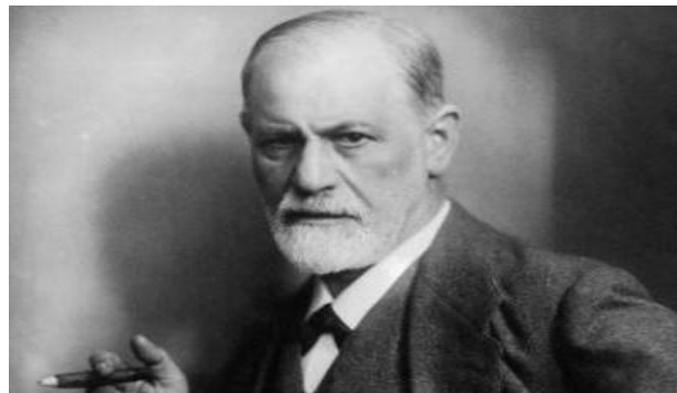
# UCAS

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## EPQ: FREUD AND RELIGION

Dominic Sohotra-Fuge is conducting an interesting investigation into why people are religious, using Freudian theories to inform his argument. This is part of his proactive pursuit of the EPQ (Extended Project Qualification).

The EPQ is an alternative qualification that offers students the chance to choose their own topic of extended study, showing independence as well as contributing to UCAS points. We are looking forward to Dominic's finished project and hope that current year 12s will be motivated by his example.

# A NOTE ON YOUTH PARLIAMENT

**Fred Gill:** To make a difference one must stand up and make sure that people know what is wrong, and that is what the UK youth parliament (UKYP) has been doing for over 10 years. Over the time they have made major changes to the lives of young people, but none more important than the recent debate that took place in the House of Commons. It was here that the UKYP made their biggest difference towards securing votes at 16. A conservative back bencher recognized the efforts of the group and referenced them countless times in his motion to lower the voting age.

After much debate it finally came to the voting to decide whether the House of Commons would support this bill. Despite a majority formed in favour of the bill, the government has said they will not put this into action in the foreseeable future. One of the key arguments made in favour is in reference to the UKYP annual debate in which votes at 16 was one of the big issues supported by the organisation. This shows that young people do care about politics and they want to help make a difference to their country.

One of the main issues that have also been pushed by the youth parliament in recent months is that of same sex marriage. This is due to the organisation standing for equality for all, making several statements in support of same sex relationships. When this issue was debated by UKYP it was decided that it was already facing parliament and that UKYP currently do a lot of work promoting equality within society. We were then thrilled to hear that on the 5th February the House of Commons had voted in favour of equal marriage. Although this issue was fought with great contention from both sides it was finally won by those proposing the change. This means that same sex couples will be allowed to get married in the eyes of the law and be equals with their fellow citizens.

So now that votes at 16 and equal marriage for all have been addressed, what is next for UKYP? After the House of Commons debate it was voted that the members would campaign for a 'curriculum to prepare us for life'; this would include a greater emphasis on politics, economics and finance, the environment, sexuality and community cohesion. The youth parliament are currently setting up a select committee which will look at what Michael Gove (Minister for Education) is currently doing and to ask him and other experts in the area questions about the current system as well as their recommendations. This is especially important after the controversial changes to the education system that are currently being debated by MPs.

UKYP have also become history setters after Sumaiya Karim became the first woman wearing a hijab to speak in the House of Commons. So does this mean that the young people of our generation will become the greatest leaders of a far more equal Britain?



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# LONDON CALLING

## Sara Elkateep on Camden Market



Camden Market actually refers to the small set of markets that make up the northern Camden Town area. Next to the railway bridge, you'll find crafts, clothes, trinkets and small curiosities with a Japanese pop culture influence at Camden Lock and Camden Lock Village.

As soon as you step into the market you feel as if you are transformed into another place. I would highly recommend you go there and check it out, I personally love it!

**Open:** 10am-6pm daily. Note: there are fewer stalls Mon-Fri.

**Address:**  
Camden Market – Camden Lock  
Camden Lock Place, off Chalk Farm Road  
NW1 8AF

**Transport:** Camden Town or Chalk Farm tube

# LIFE AFTER SCHOOL

## Lashantay secures top apprenticeship



Lashantay Richards, Year 13, received some very positive news a few weeks ago regarding her plans for next year.

The hardworking sixth former has secured an apprenticeship with Mediacom, a very successful global media agency with offices all over the world. Leshantay is understandably thrilled with the news.

She emerged as the successful candidate from a pool of hundreds of other hopefuls. This is a wonderful achievement and a fantastic opportunity for her; we extend our warmest congratulations.

## GREAT NEWS AND WONDERFUL FEEDBACK:

Congratulations to the following students for securing bursaries and receiving some very positive feedback from ARK:

Nawid and Jouman - **Driver Youth Trust**  
Chante, Charizel, Derice, Sarah, Dominic, Ashleigh and Altan - **Marshal Wace**  
Aminata (personal award from Mark Driver) - **Special Award**

### **Feedback:**

"The pupils were very well prepared, and they were all clearly aware of what you and your colleagues have done for them and very proud of BDA. Our fellow interviewers were really impressed; you've set a high bar for the remaining pupils." **Ms Brooks - Head of Fundraising, ARK Schools**



"Myself and the panel members were really impressed by the students we met today. They were all on time, very presentable, incredibly polite and very articulate. Each and every one of them also took the opportunity at the end of the interview to praise and credit staff at BDA for supporting them through their studies which was very touching." **Ms Ford - University & Careers Success Manager, ARK Schools**

# NOTICES & OPPORTUNITIES



**NUS cards:** These can be bought online at <https://cards.nusextra.co.uk/> - students will need a passport sized photo and a bank card to make the payment (from £12)



**New BBC apprenticeship:** A three Year apprenticeship in Broadcast engineering. For Students strong in Maths and Science and with 300 UCAS points.



**Summer school funding:** Students can apply to receive funding towards summer schools/courses. Students must be in line to apply to Russell Group universities (predicted AAB or above) and the course/summer school should take place at one of the Russell Group institutions. Letters of application should include the details of the course/summer school, and an explanation of how the experience will help them to secure a place at a top university. Deadline: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May (hand in to Mr Jerred)



**Mentor media work experience with a television production company:** This is open to Year 12s keen to gain a valuable WEX placement.

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> July- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July  
Collect application form from SO11

**Deadline: Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May**



**The Future of Journalism:** Supported by The Times, The Sunday Times, the Sun and Canary Wharf Group. Are you interested in a career in journalism or intrigued about the media's role in society? If so, then why not attend a one day conference on the 20<sup>th</sup> June. Please see Mrs Tanswell if you are interested.



**Legal Studies Day at St Johns College:** High achieving Year 12s hoping to study law should apply.

**Event date: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Collect application form from Mrs. Tanswell in SO11