



Welcome to BDA Sixth Form's

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SIXTH SENSE

A news bulletin worth looking into...

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Experience University: Birmingham Residential

As part of its Higher Education Insight initiative, the University of Birmingham is offering Year 12 students an opportunity to gain first-hand experience of life at a leading UK university this summer.

There are limited places available on a residential trip from Wednesday 28th to Friday 30th August, during which time you will be given a taste of what it is like to study at a research-led university. The residential will involve: a two night stay in the halls of residence, a selection of academic sessions relevant to your interests and a variety of social events to occupy the evenings.

You will also have access to the valuable knowledge and advice of a team of undergraduates currently studying the subjects that you are hoping to pursue.

Following the time at the university you will be paired with one of these students who will then be on hand to provide impartial advice on UCAS applications and personal statements over the coming year.

Competition for places is high and your eligibility



depends on the criteria detailed on the website link below. The subject areas focused on during the residential trip will be Humanities, Engineering and Biological and Health Services.

If you would like more information please visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/hej. The deadline for submissions is 1st June.



Well done to all Year 13 students on the completion of your firm and insurance choices for UCAS this week. All decisions have now been made and the selection of universities looks great. Here are a few examples:

Michael - Exeter
Catia - Roehampton
Jawad - Loughborough
Jouman - Bristol
Zabibu - Leicester

Aminata - Nottingham
Mahmoud - Bristol
Sarah - Nottingham
Aden - Southampton
Joshua - Reading



The Year 13 leavers dinner is sure to be an event to remember. With over 100 staff and students attending, Lashantay and Ahmed hosting, a catalogue of student entertainment and rumours of special dance to take place, the night promises to be a spectacular send off. There will also be the customary speeches and awards. It will take place at Maida Vale Marriott hotel on the 28th June from 7.00pm-1.00am. Please bring in your remaining money.

A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE WITH SOAS UNI

Almas Mujib Mia: Over the course of last term a few enthusiastic history and politics students embarked on a thrilling adventure. We were privileged enough to be able to team up with two undergraduates from SOAS (a history and politics based university) and be enthralled by their never ending knowledge of a spectrum of historical and cultural matters.

We explored a variety of historical periods and important locations such as the Renaissance and the Taj Mahal. We have even learnt some Swahili! During the two workshops we were exposed to new and exciting things that will help build our historical and general knowledge. Plus, virtually all work was interactive, requiring no writing at all.

In recent events we were also granted the opportunity to actually visit SOAS university's facilities and undergo a masterclass in one of SOAS' specialised fields, Law. This was not only a magnificent experience, helping us to understand and appreciate the mechanics and foundations of law (which actually encouraged particular students to consider it as a degree), but it also introduced us to the feel and depth of a university degree through the medium of the professor himself.

The environment was relaxed; the professor took in our ideas and challenged them, helping us to re-evaluate our stance on certain issues without belittling or patronising us with his endless insight. It helped us recognise the difference between how a



university course is applied and taught - the freedom it allows opens your mind and helps you to form your own opinion on a subject.

Moreover; I believe this masterclass to have been particularly useful to us as BDA students because, unfortunately, we do not have a law department, so this was a huge eye opener and, as mentioned, made people reconsider their degree options.

It has been a really unique experience and I encourage anyone who wants to pursue a degree in relation to such topics, or if you're just genuinely interested, to get involved.

Mr Fenn says...



I hope you have all had a productive week revising during your new exam timetable. I have missed you this week! Our first AS exams have already started and next week sees the busiest week of exams, with most of you sitting at least one. I am pleased to report that attendance has been great this week. However, two lucky students have lost this privilege and now have the pleasure of being the first members of 12FEN. They will experience such benefits as AM,PM and even lunch tutor times with Mr Fenn. I hope this serves as a motivation to those of you already on a final warning. Best of luck revising and in your exams. Remember the following phrases during your revision: 'be prepared, not scared' and 'the early bird catches the morning worm'.

Miss Megaw says...



Good afternoon year 13! It is now only **TWO weeks until the start of your exam timetable!!!!** Well done to **Ami, Lashantay and Robyn** in their Art exams this week- amazing creativity on show. We have now completed our UCAS choices and student finance should be handed in, and you should have completed your clearing list for those of you to which it applies. This means that as the end of term is fast approaching you need to utilise your LESSONS, REVISION SESSIONS and INDEPENDENT TIME for your exam/coursework preparation. This is the only way to get the results you need- your teachers will not be chasing you up! Well done to the SOTW this week; **Abdi, Mo, Iqra** and this week's DOL SOTW **Vincenzo!**

Uni Profile: The University of Exeter

Situated on the picturesque southwest coast of England, the quaint but lively cathedral city of Exeter boasts *The Sunday Times* University of the Year 2012/13.

The University of Exeter is one of the fastest growing higher education institutions in the country and is currently ranked seventh by *The Sunday Times* and tenth by *The Times*, *The Guardian* and the *Complete University Guide*. It has maintained its top ten position in the National Student Survey since 2005.

The Guardian has stated that students at Exeter 'are likely to have permanent smiles on their faces' due to its enviable combination of exquisite coastline, sprawling countryside and glorious weather. The university's Streatham campus is often referenced as one of the most beautiful in the country.

Exeter itself is a busy and attractive city with plenty to do: theatres, galleries and museums abound, along with a host of music venues that offer welcome distraction during those studious university years. Please note that a selection of rather impressive curry restaurants dot the city centre and, speaking from experience, they are not to be missed.

As a member of the Russell Group of leading research-orientated universities, Exeter is known for a challenging and exciting approach to teaching, and is recognised for high graduate employment rates.



The university's excellent Business School is of particularly strong repute, while Engineering, Film Studies, languages, English and Theology are all very well regarded.

What's more, the university is teeming with extra-curricular and sporting activity; the abundance of teams and societies available to students is outstanding and getting involved is a great way to meet new people with common interests.

If you do choose Exeter, be sure to utilise the excellent local transport and visit nearby Falmouth, a wonderful seaside town famous for its natural harbour, flourishing art scene and all round touristic appeal.

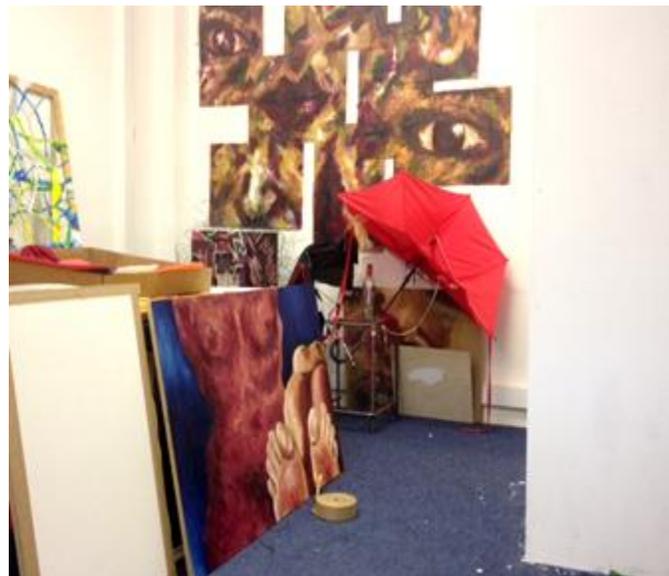
UCAS

CORNER...

Year 13, please remember that your applications for student finances must be completed this week! This is important so don't forget.

Year 12, your personal statement deadline is on the 12th June (the first Wednesday back). It is essential that you use your UCAS workbooks to help you to complete 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 be able to help you improve and tailor them toward your particular course choices.

Remember, this cannot be done without a first draft.



Congratulations to Aminata, Lashantay and Robyn on finishing their A level Art exam today.

Covering a variety of interesting and provocative themes, including consumerism and culture, and incorporating a range of mediums, the girls have produced some striking work that reflects their commitment to the subject.

Well done and good luck on your results!

LONDON CALLING

WORK EXPERIENCE

Sara Elkateep on BILLY ELLIOT

Places available with KPMG



The Musical is the acclaimed adaptation of **Stephen Daldry's Oscar-winning film**, with music by **Elton John**. Put on your dancing shoes, and make a date to see the award-winning musical adaptation of the hit British film today!

Director: Stephen Daldry

Writer: Lee Hall

Tickets from £19.50

This fantastic play is in all the theatres around west end, but if you would like a particular theatre go to:

Address

Victoria Palace Theatre

Allington Street, Westminster, London, SW1E 5EA

We now have work experience places available for Year 12 students with KPMG, one of the world's largest professional services companies.

KPMG deal with audit, tax and advisory services, which are divided into three further groups: management consulting, risk consulting, and transactions & restructuring.

This opportunity is aimed at students with B grades in Maths and English at GCSE and predicted As and Bs for A level. If you are interested please see Mrs Tanswell. The deadline for applications is 17th May.

ASPIRING LAWYERS TO HEAR FROM CHERIE

Thanks to IntoUniversity, three BDA students have been invited to attend a talk by Cherie Blair about her law career at the Matrix Chambers in central London on Monday.

This is a fantastic opportunity for students interested in studying law to learn from an experienced barrister at the top of her field.

Cherie Blair, wife of Tony, became a barrister in 1976, a member of the Queen's Council in 1995 and was appointed a Crown Court recorder in 1999. She has specialised in employment and discrimination, and has even taken cases against the UK government in these areas.

She was notably involved a very influential case about discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation and is also a founding member of the Matrix Chambers.

Those attending are Sara, Michael and Altan-Urel; they are sure to learn a great deal from the experience.



NOTICES & OPPORTUNITIES

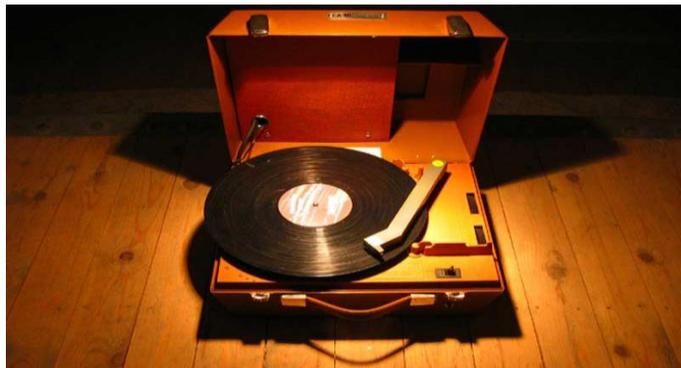
See Mrs Tanswell for more info...



Career Insight Programme at RBS: A unique opportunity for year 13/S6 students to experience the challenging environment of an international financial institution held at our London or Edinburgh HQ. Apply here: <https://www.rbsbankyoubuild.com/school-initiatives/career-insight-programme>



New BBC apprenticeship: A three Year apprenticeship in Broadcast engineering. For Students strong in Maths and Science and with 300 UCAS points. Apply here: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/careers/trainee-schemes/tech-apprentices>



Music Industry Masterclass: Sixth Formers keen for music industry experience can come along learn with the Bootstrap Company during May half term. Follow the link below: http://www.bootstrapcompany.co.uk/15_bootstrap_campus (more music opps available on request)



Mentor media work experience with a television production company: This is open to Year 12s keen to gain a valuable WEX placement. Mon 8th July- Fri 12th July
Collect application form from SO11
Deadline: Fri 3rd 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 20th 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 18th June

Collect application form from Mrs. Tanswell in SO11

BOOTCAMP WITH FOREIGN BEGGARS



Aged 16-24? Interested in making a living through music? Come and be part of a two day event at Bootstrap Campus.

MUSIC INDUSTRY FORUM

MONDAY 27TH MAY 19:00 – 20:30

Global stars Foreign Beggars lead a panel debate about the music industry. Come and learn how it all works from those who know best. **Free tickets & open to all.**

MAKE MUSIC WITH FOREIGN BEGGARS

TUESDAY 28TH MAY 10:00 – 17:00

A one day masterclass in the studio with Foreign Beggars. Write, perform and produce in the studio alongside the band. **Just ten spots available.**

LIVE SHOWCASE!

TUESDAY 28TH MAY 19:00 – 22:00

We are giving Bootcamp students an exclusive opportunity to perform at Dalston Roof Park, alongside special guests. Come and join the party. **Free tickets & open to all.**

HOW TO APPLY? VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.bootstrapcompany.co.uk/bootstraptopcampus

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Year 12 summer exam revision classes

Monday	French Breakfast Club Daily from 7:45	Media F010 022 3.45	Music (choir and theory)		Media P.3/4 Eng Office and P.5/6 on F008 by appointment Miss Astley	
Tuesday		Psychology DP14 4PM	HSC 306	Chemistry F202 3:45-5:00	Economics Afterschool	Media F008
Wednesday					IT	
Thursday		English F004 3.45	HSC 306		IT	
Friday		Maths	Politics 205 P3& P4	HSC 306	History 206 FRIDAY'S 3&4	Physics Mr Barker 8:30-9:00