



Welcome to BDA Sixth Form's

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SIXTH SENSE

A news bulletin worth looking into...

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Summer School Opportunities

Following the feedback received at the most recent student forum, we have researched a selection of summer school opportunities and taster courses in subject areas that have been underexplored this year.

The University of Surrey is offering Year 12s the chance to join their Nursing Summer School where students can participate in a range of interactive workshops, providing insight into the various aspects of studying nursing. Current students at the university will be available to provide support and advice. Please see below for further details...

http://www.surrey.ac.uk/schoolsandcolleges/events/general/year_12_nursing_summer_school.htm

UCL have a range of both residential and non-residential courses on offer throughout the summer months to give students a taste of university life. For information on their courses that focus on languages, English and history, please visit...

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/outreach/prosp-students/post-16/year12-summer>

Imperial College Business School is offering a fantastic opportunity for students to gain business knowledge and academic credit in strategic marketing. With 72 hours of direct contact time, this is a great chance for those interested in business to experience what it is to study at a top university and have a real taste of lectures and seminars. Please see... <http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/business-school/imperial-summer-school?gclid=CMKduOqpjrcCFes72wodhU4AFw>

Other useful links include:

<http://tasters.gradsintocareers.co.uk/> for various taster courses ranging from health care to foreign languages.



UCL: residential summer courses available

http://www.anglia.ac.uk/ruskin/en/home/microsites/outreach_and_recruitment/teachers/activities/summer_schools_2013/residential_summer0.Maincontent_0004.file.tmp/Year%2012%20Res%20Summer%20chool%20poster.pdf for summer schools directed at students interested in health care, business and law, among others.

Most of these courses are free, but for those that do cost we still have funding available. If you wish to apply for any of the courses, please contact Mr Jerred with reasons why your chosen course will help your university application.

Michael on a talk with Cherie

Michael Yr 13: On Monday the 13th, Sara in year 12, Altan in year 13 and I, accompanied by IntoUniversity, had the tremendous opportunity to attend a talk with Cherie Blair. The whole experience was gratifying, listening to her give a firsthand account of the skills and requirement one needs to become a successful lawyer.

Matrix Chambers, cofounded by Cherie Blair QC (Queens Council), specialises in human rights cases, including employment discrimination based on race or sexuality. It is also renowned for cases such as the Abu Qatada extradition case which took the UK government to the EU court.

The talk was indeed insightful. She was joined by two trainee lawyers on the panel and was asked questions about her experience of becoming a lawyer. Her background was indeed the highlight of the whole talk. Not widely known is the fact that she came from a working class background; being the first to go to university in her family, she aimed to strive higher by deciding to become a barrister, a role very few women during her generation found themselves in.

Her talk had a positive impact on everyone there. She pushed forward the importance of having a role model; someone who would give you the motivation and guidance to pursuing your goal. Her



unwavering confidence and ambition to become a lawyer was heavily influenced by her own role model, the first woman in Britain, from Liverpool, to become a QC, and also the first woman to defend someone on trial. Listening to her talk, it was evident that she was passionate about law and wanted to develop young bright teenagers from working class backgrounds to work hard and achieve their aspirations in life.

What my fellow students and I successfully took from the trip was to persevere and have a clear outlook of what we would like to do at University and beyond.

Mr Fenn says...



Hello Year 12. I hope your exams and your revision is going well. From those of you I have spoken to this week, this seems to be the case. Just a reminder for BTEC students – you should ensure you are submitting work to the highest possible standard in order to get the best possible grades. I hope your personal statements are coming along nicely, I am very much looking forward to reading them. See you all again soon. One final notice. **It is essential you arrive on time for your exams. This means that you should be in school at 8:30 for a 9:00am exam and should go straight to the canteen before any exam.**

Miss Megaw says...



Good afternoon year 13! It is **our FINAL week until the start of your exam timetable!!!!** Remember to utilise your lessons and revision sessions as much as you can before the half term and to have a strict and rigorous revision timetable. Make sure this includes time to sleep, eat and exercise to keep you in the most positive frame of mind for your exams. Before you go, don't forget to hand in your **full £30 for your ticket to the Leavers Event on June 28th**. We have your **final tutor session on Wednesday**, and your **Final Leaver's Assembly on Friday**- please ensure you are in attendance to both so we can say our goodbyes. Well done to the SOTW this week; **Nawid, Iman, Ronnie, Vera** and this week's DOL SOTW **Jimmy!**

Uni Profile: The University of Portsmouth

The University of Portsmouth is recognised for a high standard of teaching and producing a happy kind of graduate.

The Times Higher Education World University Rankings placed the south coast uni in the top 400 globally, scoring it particularly well for 'citations'; this means that the work of Portsmouth researchers is often referenced in other published material, emphasising the high regard in which they are held. The university's achievements in law, mathematics and biological sciences are widely acknowledged.

Portsmouth also scored strongly in the National Student Survey last time around, securing top spot in the UK's modern institution category (post-1992) and gaining a place in the top 25 mainstream universities. With a score of 87 percent, it is fair to suggest that time spent in the country's only island city university is likely to be a very happy time indeed.

So what is it that keeps Portsmouth students in such a good mood? The survey results would suggest that staff enthusiasm, availability and overall teaching excellence has a lot to do with it. But of course there's more.

Sport at the university is thriving: the Athletic Union has over 35 clubs available with teams participating in leagues and competitions every week. There are also over 50 fitness classes to choose from and the opportunity to utilise the uni's renowned water sports facilities. For more creatively inclined students, there are music and drama classes with the union's Dramatic Music Society, who produce a stream of



exciting live performances throughout the academic calendar and are always on the lookout for musicians, actors and dancers.

Portsmouth itself is home to a host of cultural venues, shopping centres and historical hotspots. The city has four theatres that specialise in classic, modern and avant-garde productions sure to delight the many thespians among you. What's more, the quirky No6 Cinema, located in the historic dockyard, is famous for a diverse catalogue of both art house and mainstream screenings designed to challenge, entertain and provoke.

Portsmouth students rarely miss the opportunity to catch some fantastic live acts performing at the various summer music festivals on the Isle of Wight, just a short ferry ride from Portsmouth Harbour.

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.



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.**

LONDON CALLING: GATSBY

Visionary director Baz Luhrmann's bold take on F. Scott Fitzgerald's Jazz Age classic *The Great Gatsby* hit London cinemas this week and made quite an impact.

The eagerly anticipated 105 million dollar production has had critics on the edge of their seats for months thanks to the timeless universal appeal of the original text.

Fitzgerald's lyrical masterpiece has attracted legions of fans since its 1925 release, with prose that crashed into the very heart of 1920s America and is still reverberating today.

Through the enigmatic Gatsby - the embodiment of a nation too caught up on appearances and longing for something more - Fitzgerald pulls apart the fabric of the American dream in compelling fashion. But the question is, can this adaptation do what arguably none has done previously and capture the essence of the original text?

Some critics have argued that Luhrmann's brash revision of the book falls short of the near impossible feat, while others have praised his tenacity and lauded DiCaprio's take on the mysterious millionaire.

Either way, the general consensus is that *The Great Gatsby* is quite the spectacle and it is safe to assume that the movie will make for an entertaining evening out with much to talk about afterwards.

So, why not pop along and see what you make of the latest vision of a book that helped shape the face of American literature? Oh, and if you haven't already, read the novel... It'll take your breath away.



Taize trip booked and ready to go

The 6th form trip to the Taizé community in July has now been booked, and Miss Hill is really looking forward to taking the 11 students on this exciting trip!

The Taizé community is a group of Christian brothers from different Christian denominations who invite young people to spend a week living in community with one another. It is a chance to explore faith, to meet other young people from across the world, and to celebrate our common humanity and vision for our world.

We will be travelling by coach with around 30 other school and youth groups from across the UK and camping with several thousand young people, so it will be an amazing opportunity to make new friends and prepare for life beyond BDA. Also, Josh Passingham will be celebrating his 18th birthday on the trip; it's sure to be a special one. Kit lists will be coming around soon!



NOTICES & OPPORTUNITIES

See Mrs Tanswell for more info...



Engineering Careers at Hoare Lea

Civil Service Apprenticeships: 1. A-level Students who are strong in Maths and Science to apply for the Engineering career 18-21 year olds with 5 GCSE's including Maths and English to apply for the apprenticeship. <https://hoarelea.tms.hrdepartment.com/obs/197/Trainee-Technical-Support-Engineers-NationwideNationwide->
www.civilservice.gov.uk/csapprenticeships



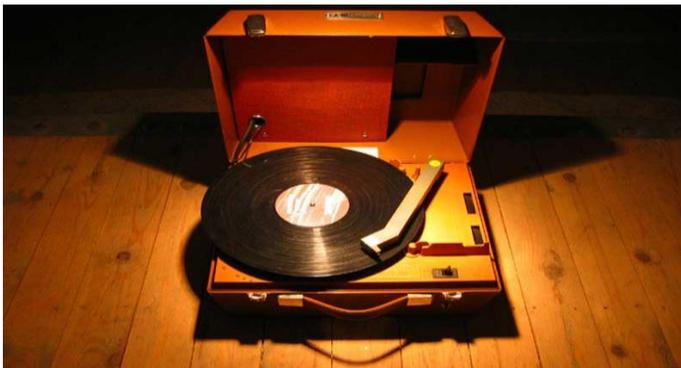
Teacher First Work Experience opportunity:

YEAR 12 CANDIDATE should have an interest in marketing, teaching and/or training. They **MUST** be prepared to travel and must be personable and confident.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM SO11.

CLOSING DATE:

4pm Monday 20th May



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)



PwC - Higher Apprenticeships in Assurance, Consulting and Financial Advisory and Tax: Year 13's with a minimum of 240-280 UCAS points to apply. Please apply below:

www.pwc.com/uk/higher-apprenticeships

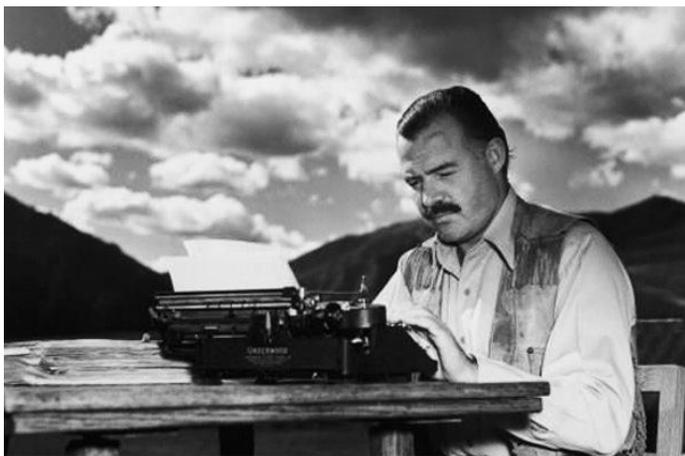


SUMMER READING CHALLENGE Hammersmith and Fulham libraries are recruiting for volunteers age 15-25 years to help primary school children with their reading. **Year 12's This opportunity can be used as well as OR instead of Work Experience.** Please contact Mandy Charles at Mandy.Charles@lbhf.gov.uk

Summer Work Experience Placements with First Story: A list of amazing work experience placements for students over the summer. **Deadline for application is the 19th June.**

See Mrs Tanswell for how to apply

HAVE YOUR SAY LEAVING ASSEMBLY



Year 13, what with your final week approaching after seven hardworking years at Burlington Danes, there must be many things you have to say about your time here and memories you'd like to share.

Think of the thousands of lessons that you've attended, the countless trips, the friends you've made, the teachers that have taught you and all that knowledge you have acquired.

So, why not write an article to be published in next week's edition of *Sixth Sense*? This is a great chance to share your experiences. If you would like to submit something, please forward to Tim.Cooke@burlingtondanes.org.



The Year 13 leavers assembly will take place next Friday so please make sure that you attend for all the final tutor and student goodbyes.

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