



Welcome to BDA Sixth Form's

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SIXTH SENSE

A news bulletin worth looking into...

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A busy start to the year

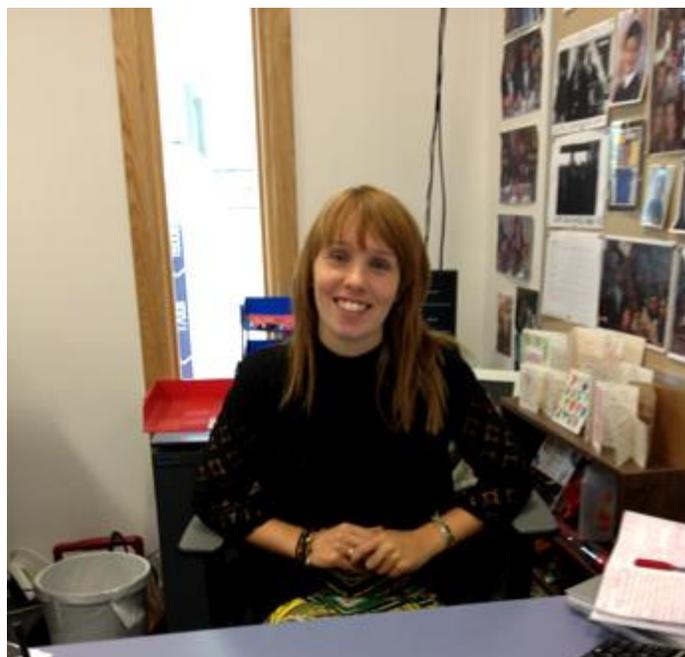
Ms Megaw: Welcome to/back to Sixth Form! I am delighted that year 12 have started with such a fantastic cohort of students and some of the best results we have ever had at Burlington Danes Academy, and that year 13 are returning with the best AS grades we have ever achieved and within the top 10% of sixth forms in the country.

Your attendance on induction days and for your first week back has been mature, smart and professional; exactly what we would want and expect of the role models for the rest of the school and a fantastic way to start the year.

Fresher's fortnight has kicked off to a fantastic start with our sixth form BBQ and fresher's fair, with more exciting clubs and events going through to next week including the UCAS information evening on Wednesday - so please promote to your parents to come along and hear more.

As I outlined when speaking to you all, this is the start of an education which is going to affect the university and career decisions you make for the rest of your lives - begin this career with a positive attitude, work hard, and keep your aims in mind. You will be offered many opportunities to develop yourself academically, in work experience and career links, and in developing yourself through societies and extracurricular achievements.

These really are the best years of your life so make the most of them to support your future applications and enjoy your time here at BDA. *I am immensely proud to be working with such a wonderful cohort of students and I'm looking forward to the year ahead.*



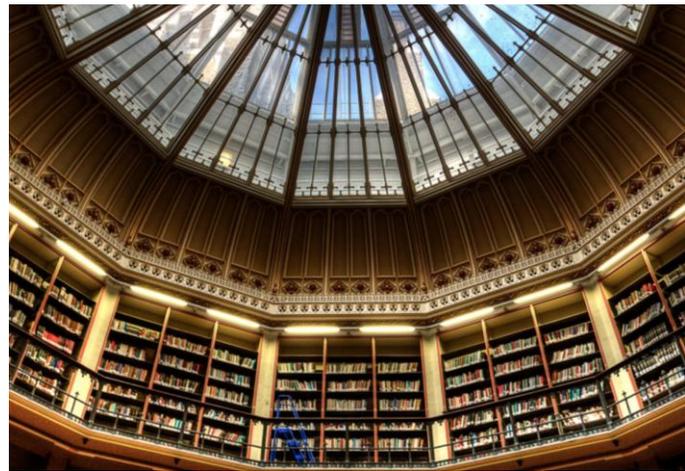
Uni Profile: King's College London

Luckily for students who don't want to travel too far afield after BDA, London hosts some of the world's most respected universities. Based in the very heart of the capital, King's College is ranked in the top 30 universities worldwide. With one of the UK's highest graduate employment rates, and world-class teaching and research at its nine schools and six Medical Research Council centres, KCL has little to prove.

The 19th century institution, which lays claim to being England's third oldest university, placed 8th in Europe and 19th worldwide in the QS World University Rankings. It was the Sunday Times 'University of the Year 2010/11'.

Furthermore, King's has a distinguished reputation across a range of departments, including the humanities, law, the sciences and social sciences. The university has secured its place in history, playing a significant role in bringing about advances that have shaped modern life, such as the discovery of the structure of DNA and contributing to research that led to the development of radio, television, mobile phones and radar.

For those who intend to keep active in between those long hours of study, King's student union runs an extensive programme of events at its impressive



venues (including bars, cafes and a nightclub), and supports countless student-led clubs and societies.

With three top quality sports grounds, there are facilities for hockey, rugby, football, cricket, tennis and netball. There are also rifle ranges, two gyms and a swimming pool.

King's College students enjoy access to a healthy balance of work and play. With plenty on offer socially and a sprawling tradition of academic success, the future is surely bright for those who study with KCL.

BDA's Inaugural 'Fresher's Fair' 2013

Dr O'Hear: Although advertised as starting at 3.50pm, by 3.35 the hoards of Year 12s and 13s queuing outside the Dennis Potter Atrium were so numerous that we had to open the doors early!

The students duly poured in and began imbibing all that was on offer, both in the form of advice from the teachers running the Societies and the obligatory 'Fresher's' sweets.

The societies on offer ranged from the cerebral ('Proper Science Club', 'History of Art Society, Book Society and Political Film Society) to the enterprising (Business and Enterprise Society and Duke of Edinburgh) to the lively (Debating Society and First Story Programmes) to the sporty and musical (many dance, music and sporting societies). Take-up for all the Societies was good with Mr Goorah reigning supreme with his Business and Enterprise Society (the Alan Sugar of BDA?).

We look forward to launching all the Societies next week and would also like to remind the Year 12 and 13s that it is now a requirement that each student attends at least one Society for the whole year.



LONDON CALLING: FREE EVENTS THIS WEEKEND!



If you happen to have some spare time this weekend, why not do something a little different? An alternative tour of London is well worth considering. Get to know your city beyond the traditional landmarks and explore the unfamiliar.

Of this weekend's event, Time Out says: 'East London's 'alternative' side is revealed on this leftfield tour. Expect to be introduced to the history and culture of the Brick Lane 'Banglatown' and Shoreditch areas as well as current issues and street art. Booking essential via www.alternativedn.co.uk'.

If you'd prefer something a little more conventional but equally as mesmerising, visit the Horniman Museum for a photo exhibition by Jamie Cragg, a marine biologist and aquarium curator. The work displayed focuses on the varied habitats of two small islands off Borneo.



MR FENN:

Welcome back Year 13! It is great to see you all again. This term's focus is very much on UCAS. By now you should have completed 90% of your application, with just course choices and the personal statement to upload. I will be checking the progress of your applications, along with your tutors, from Wednesday and those who haven't met this expectation will find themselves in CCC. Please return your summer induction tasks as these are now due in. I would also like to draw your attention to the KPMG School Leaver's Programme, who will be coming in to talk to you in a few weeks. This is a four year programme where you are paid an annual salary whilst you do a degree.

NEW CINEMA RELEASE: AINT THEM BODIES SAINTS



If you're interested in film studies and the work of cinema's most influential directors then this is a film for you.

Paying homage to Terence Malick - one of the greats of American New Wave cinema - David Lowery has served up a stylistic treat, rooted in the crime thriller tradition that immortalised outlaw pairings such as Bonnie and Clyde.

Gently paced but bubbling with life, *Aint Them Bodies Saints* is a finely tuned love story of a dying breed. The central performances leave nothing to be desired, with Casey Affleck delivering his best turn since the excellent *Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford*.



Mr Jennings:

After a hectic first week of Year 12 it's nice to be able to take a few minutes to say welcome to all 101 students in the year group. I have already had many reasons to be proud of the selfless attitude you have shown towards being a senior part of the Burlington Danes community. I hope the enthusiasm you demonstrated in the Big Brothers and Sisters scheme with the new year 7s is just the first good deed of many this year. Don't forget to sign up for one of the many roles on offer to help you stand out from the crowd! Student Teaching Assistant, Reading Mentor and Student Leader roles are still up for grabs. Enjoy the Weekend

NOTICES & OPPORTUNITIES

See Mrs Tanswell for more info...



BBC Technology Apprenticeships starting Sept 2014 - open day 21st Sept:

This is a higher level apprenticeship which supports you studying towards an BEng (Hons) in Broadcast Engineering while you gain leading industry experience. All University tuition fees will be paid by the BBC, as well as a competitive Apprentice's salary. Please see poster in 6th Form corridor.



QS TOP UNIVERSITY FAIR , Sunday 13th October:

http://www.topuniversities.com/events/qs-world-university-tour/europe/london?utm_source=study_international&utm_medium=web_banner&utm_campaign=WUT_F13_London&partnerid=6158



UCL Lloyds Scholars Autumn School: Careers in the City:

Designed for students who might be interested in a career in the City, without necessarily wishing to study economics or a finance related degree. The Autumn School itself will take place from 30th October – 1st November; applications are now open and can be made at www.ucl.ac.uk/summer-schools. Please note that applications will close at 5pm on 30th September



SOAS Scholars: Thinking Globally! A project for Year 12s which uses our unique expertise as a foundation for participants to explore a global outlook on pressing issues confronting us in the 21st Century.

The deadline for applications is Friday 27th September – **Collect application forms from Mrs. Tanswell in SO11**



LSE and UCL – Pathways to Law programme (including masterclasses and work experience at a leading law firm): Starts in Year 12 and runs until the end of Year 13.

Apply here: www.lse.ac.uk/pathwaystolaw

Or www.ucl.ac.uk/laws/prospective

Deadline is 27th September 2013



STEM bursary programme @Imperial College

London: A two year programme of Maths and Science workshops for A-level students.

Apply online: www.excitec.com/courses and select

BG Group STEM Inspiration Bursary Programme

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