



Burlington Danes Academy Sixth Form's

# SIXTH SENSE

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## Celebrating Our Trip to India

Following BDA Sixth Form's extremely successful trip to India last month, the students who attended were joined by staff, parents and friends of BDA in the atrium for a presentation evening on Thursday.

The evening kicked-off with a thought-provoking video that highlighted the key motivations for the trip. It was harrowing to see the extent of the country's sanitation issues and to know that all of the children at SKSN have no access to toilets at home.

Pictures taken during the trip were then shown to the audience, followed by a number of students speaking about the bonds they formed as a group during the fortnight, and how they now share so many fantastic memories.

It was great to hear how much they enjoyed the teaching aspect of the experience and how the likes of Diageo and Sophie, among others, might now be considering careers in the classroom, while the trip has confirmed to Ruth that nursing is the job for her.

The evening was a perfect celebration of an extraordinary two weeks and we would like to thank everybody for such fantastic support.



# Message from Ms Megaw

**Ms Megaw:** Good afternoon Sixth Form. I am extremely proud of the way you have conducted yourself in lessons over the past two days during our Ofsted visit. I have heard lots of feedback from subject teachers about the efforts you made in their lessons; for example, in Geography, Politics, Chemistry, PE, History and in my own lessons with Psychology and Business. Even the lessons that were not observed commented that you had really risen to the occasion, and it was fantastic to see you all pull together as a community to support each other.



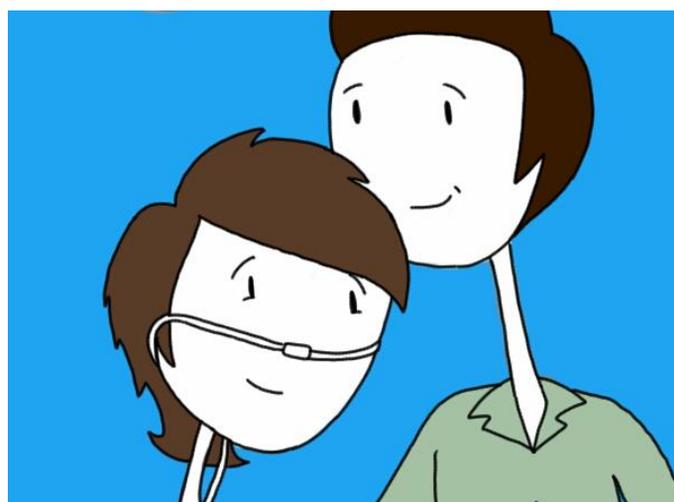
It has also been fantastic to see your full uniform without coats etc - now you've shown me you can do this let's keep it up consistently! In particular, the students who conducted assemblies and took part in the India Evening this week really showed off not only our academic but our pastoral success, and showed no sign of nerves even when being observed yourselves!



Whatever the outcome of this week's inspection, you should be proud of your support of the school and the community we have here at BDA Sixth Form, just as I am proud of you.

# The Fault in Our Stars Student Review

**Cherry Thein (12BU)** "As he read, I fell in love the way you fall asleep: slowly, and then all at once." This is said by Hazel Grace, a sixteen year old girl with a sense of humour and wit so refreshing it will pull you in by just reading the first few paragraphs. Her sarcastic remarks are often used to cope with her stage 4 thyroid cancer and the activities that surround her life due to the cancer. When she accompanies her fellow friend Isaac, who also has cancer, to a support group, she meets Augustus. As their relationship progresses, Augustus uses his wish by the wish foundation to go on a trip to Amsterdam with Hazel so that she can meet her favourite author. The love story is as real as it is doomed, and the gut-busting laughs that come early in the novel make the luminous final pages all the more heartbreaking, it will change the way you perceive the world in general. It shows that teenagers do have mature thoughts about life, love and everything in between, unlike how most teenagers are portrayed in novels.



When I first picked up *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green, I was expecting it to be an average novel that you'll read once and forget about because it looked like any other cheesy novel aimed at teenagers. I can tell you what I WASN'T PREPARED FOR was this mind blowing, emotionally charged novel that can relate to both girls AND boys and the elegantly plotted story-

Line which makes you feel as if you ARE part of the book. John Green wrote the book in such detail, filled with staccato bursts of humour and tragedy I just couldn't put the novel down. There were some parts of the novel that would seem unreasonably long or dragged out, but trust me the patience is worth it. By the end of the novel, I was under an emotionally secluded spell of the unexpected ending which lasted for a few hours. I finished it in one night and as an avid reader I have to recommend readers of any age and gender to read this modern masterpiece.

# Uni Profile: Royal Holloway

For those of you who love the hustle and bustle of the city but can't help thinking that a more rural setting might be to your taste, Royal Holloway is well worth considering.

Officially opened in 1886 by Queen Victoria, the Surrey based college was incorporated into the University of London in 1900 and remains so to this day.

Situated amongst 135 acres of leafy parkland, the Egham campus proudly boasts the Founder's building – an awe-inspiring Victorian copy of the Chateau de Chambord in Loire Valley – and is within walking distance of Windsor Great Park. This, combined with good transport links into London, makes for the best of both worlds.

Academically, Royal Holloway's record is superb. Recognised as one of the UK's foremost research led universities, nine of its departments across the arts, sciences and social sciences are ranked in the country's top ten.

Successful study is also supported by excellent links with government, the voluntary sector and industry, and with 8,500 undergraduate and postgraduate students from more than 130 countries, you'll have plenty to learn from your peers.

For any aspiring filmmakers among you, the university also offers a range of excellent practical courses that are sure to put you on the right path. More arts and culture can be found at the impressive Victorian



Boilerhouse theatre.

With so much on offer, you are sure to leave Royal Holloway as a well-rounded, well-educated individual ready for the professional arena.

**DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD, Mr Lawrence:** DoE is a fantastic way of gaining recognition for many of the activities you already do and is also a good excuse to try something new; a new sport or regular physical exercise, something creative, some voluntary work in the local area, and ultimately an expedition.

Part of the purpose of getting involved is to get out of your comfort zone, to try something different from which you would normally do.

Why should year 12 students get involved? You have heard so many times already this year about the need to differentiate yourself. To stand out and offer more than just your A level grades. DoE requires commitment. You can't finish it in an afternoon or even a few months. Universities and employers value people who have gained the award because of what it says about their character and personal qualities.

Registration forms are available from the student reception. Please return these with your £15 registration fee by the end of next week.

Mr Lawrence will be looking after y12 Duke of Edinburgh



students this year. If you register and are committed then we will make sure you meet the requirements and gain an award!

E-mail me or come and see me in room 312 if you have any questions.

# Notices and Opportunities...

See Mrs Tanswell for more details



## UCL Uni-link

Preparing for University programme. For Year 12s, see Mr Whitlock



**Law and Criminology Taster Day at West London Uni:** take part in an interactive mock courtroom criminal case 'Murder: Cannibalism in the Dock'. Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1, 3:15pm-17:00. For further information or to book your free tickets visit [www.uwl.ac.uk/taster](http://www.uwl.ac.uk/taster)



## Want Morrisons to pay you to go to University?

We are partnering Bradford University and have developed a unique programme that will allow you to work, earn and learn while studying towards a BSc (Hons) in Management and Business. For 6<sup>th</sup> formers interested in school leaver programmes.

See Mr. Whitlock for more details



## Sutton Trust US Programme - application deadline 22nd Jan:

For all Sixth Formers. See Mr. Whitlock



## CAREERS AT LUNCH

Students who need advice/help with their career options. See Mrs. Tanswell or Mrs. Finnet every Tuesday lunchtime in SO11



## KPMG school leavers event and programme: All Sixth Formers. See Mr. Whitlock.