



Burlington Danes Academy Sixth Form's

**BDA**  
SIXTH FORM

# SIXTH SENSE

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1<sup>st</sup> April 2014

## Grease is the word!

For this year's much-anticipated BDA musical, the performing arts team and a group of talented actors from across the academy took on one of the most celebrated stage musicals in history and delivered in fine style.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, the Dennis Potter Theatre – packed to the rafters with parents, pupils, teachers and governors – played host to the Pink Ladies and the T-Birds, who took the BDA community by storm with a truly exceptional production of Grease.

The cast and crew leapt together through time and space to 1959 and the all-American Rydell High, where youth culture was changing, rock and roll was on the rise and a sense of rebellion hung heavy in the air.

Dylan Arango and Nardos Mogas brought Danny and Sandy to life with a pitch-perfect balance of sweetness and swagger. Their excellent vocals were complimented by Dylan's formidable stage presence and Nardos' mature understanding of character.

Youngsters Tamara Kovacevic and Harry Kelly were both superb in their roles as Frenchy and Roger. The pair were responsible for countless laughs and are sure to be part of many a successful BDA performance in the future.

Llodawna Ellington was predictably brilliant as the complicated Rizzo, blowing the audience away with her wonderful voice and gritty take on the troubled teenager, while Yassin Seddik was cool as a cucumber playing the endearing rogue Kinicke.

There really were too many exceptional



performances to cover in depth, but special mention must be made of Joshua Barredo as Doody, Chanel Vital as Marty, Freeda Bernard as Jan, Darnell Christie as Sonny and Nikita Crossman as Cha Cha.

Well done also to Johnley Videna, Emmy Toulson and Ryan Tasker, who added a healthy dose of comic value to proceedings, and to Newar Mekhael whose rapid-fire commentary was sharp and impressive.

Dame Sally said: "I have been here for six years and this is, I think, the best production I've seen."

A comment on the school Twitter account read: "The final night of Grease is underway and what a performance it is! Some very talented students at BDA."

Well done all and a huge thanks to BDA's amazing performing arts department, who never fail to raise the bar.

# A visit from the US Embassy

**Mr Whitlock:** Over the past five weeks a core group of Year 11 students have participated in the "Being Muslim Being British" course which is funded by Ealing Council & led by Anjum Khan on behalf of Cambridge Universities Psychology Department.

Students were exposed to prevalent issues facing young Muslims and their identity in Britain today whilst developing their integrated complexity through short videos, role play and debate. The culmination of this course ended on Tuesday with a visit from the United States Embassy. Present was the First Secretary to the Ambassador, Eric Geelan, and Jamie Martin. Some 6th formers joined the group as students posed challenging questions on issues surrounding Snowden, Guantanamo Bay, Iraq War, Osama Bin Laden, International Relations with the Kurds and much more.

The US Embassy said they would report back to Washington D.C with ideas and concerns that were brought by students. They also commented



saying BDA students have been the most sophisticated and articulate when being questioned out of any school they have visited. After this the BMBB students gave short presentations reflecting on the course and were awarded with certificates.



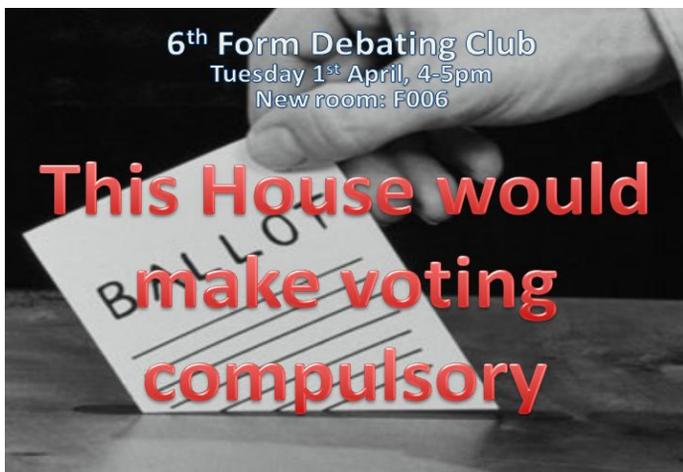
**The University of Surrey** is based in Guildford, just a stone's throw from London. It sits on the picturesque Stag Hill, opposite the town's impressive cathedral, and has its very own lake nestled amongst a spread of landscaped gardens. It is currently ranked 13 in the UK's university league tables and has carved itself a formidable reputation for outstanding graduate employment.

Facilities-wise, the university boasts an on-campus art gallery, a wide range of eating options and coffee bars, as well as the Surrey Sports Park, which is one of Europe's most respected sites for elite sport, physical activity, wellbeing and leisure.

Guildford itself is an attractive town with a lot going for it. It has excellent transport links, a catalogue of historic buildings worth visiting, countless parks, and a busy nightlife and music scene – plus a castle, a top theatre, a paintball range and plenty more.



**Pic of the Week:** Afghan horsemen and spectators gather on an arid patch of land near snow-capped mountains to play the traditional sport of Buzkashi near Bamiyan city in central Afghanistan.



# DofE Silver training expedition

**Mr Lawrence:** Last weekend the Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award students completed their training expedition in the Chilterns. We were very lucky to have some lovely sunny days although the students found the two nights sleeping in a tent to be cold and uncomfortable. Students did very well to carry their equipment for the three day expedition and despite blisters and getting lost all four groups made it to the finish having learned lots of lessons ready for the final assessed expedition to the New Forest in June.

I have been very impressed so far with student's energy, self-discipline, commitment and capacity for teamwork as they complete their Silver award and I am sure they will continue to push on to ensure they not only pass their expedition but also do well in their volunteering, skill and physical sections of the award.



**Mr Jennings:** The summer exams are fast approaching and the Easter Holiday is an excellent opportunity for you to increase your revision focus. In addition to the work and revision organised at school, you should be engaged in a thorough, independent revision programme at home completing a minimum of 3 hours every day if you are serious about reaching your target grades. BTEC students need to ensure that all assignments in every unit are completed to target level which will involve making improvements to previous pieces of work. This week we will be publicising details of what revision help we will be offering in school over the Easter holiday, start planning now.



If you have £10 to spare **this weekend** and happen to like Britain's slickest secret agent, why not pop along to the London Film Museum for a look at 'Bond In Motion'.

On show at the exhibition is a collection of cars, boats, motorbikes, sleds and jets that have all appeared in at least one of the 23 much-loved Bond movies. There will also be a series of artworks, action sequence boards, props and miniature models on display .

To be honest though, you don't really have to like Bond to enjoy the show. If you're a fan of cars, you're in for a treat.

# NOTICES AND OPPORTUNITIES

See Mr Whitlock for more details or email [adam.whitlock@burlingtondanes.org](mailto:adam.whitlock@burlingtondanes.org)



## **POLITICS CONFERENCE**

**Date:** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

**Deadline to apply:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June

**YEAR 12**



## **STEM SUMMER SCHOOL**

**Engineering, Chemistry, Physics and Biology**

August 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>

**YEAR 12**



## **RESIDENTIAL SUMMER SCHOOL**

**Earth & Marine Science**

**Deadline:** 16<sup>th</sup> May

**YEAR 12**



## **SUMMER SCHOOLS**

**Politics, History, Law & Globalisation**

**Deadline:** 4<sup>th</sup> April

**YEAR 12**



## **INVESTMENT BANKING**

**A-Level Insight Day**

**16<sup>th</sup> July 2014** at J.P Morgan London – Open to MALE & FEMALE Year 13

**Winning Women: Skills for University Event**

**21<sup>st</sup> July 2014** at J.P Morgan London – Open to FEMALE Year 13

**Winning Women School / A-Level Insight Day**

**18<sup>th</sup> July 2014** at J.P Morgan London – Open to FEMALE Year 13



## **MASTERCLASSES**

**Various subjects**

**Summer Term**

**Deadline** to apply is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

**YEAR 12**