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Sport takes over as staff and students raise the bar for charity

The spirit of Sport Relief was pulsing through the walls at Burlington Danes Academy last week, with staff and students taking part in fundraising activities at any given opportunity.

Monday lunchtime played host to a student-only badminton tournament, which saw competitors pulling out all the stops in pursuit of the coveted title. Well done to Thomas Moran, who managed to fend off the formidable talent of Yasmine Al-Amire to claim the crown.

On Tuesday lunchtime a series of row-offs were held in the playground, challenging students to cover as many metres as possible in two minutes. Well done to Shakira (463m), Reece (469m), Adam (516m) and Redwan (529m) for delivering such impressive performances. Special mention must also be made of Mr Goorah, who managed an astonishing 633m.

Also on Tuesday BDA's basketball aficionados made for the Sports Hall for what proved to be a very close shoot-out. Well done to winners Milos Vukasinovic and Yahye Saed.

Wednesday saw staff and students join forces for a mixed touch rugby tournament, for which players were split into teams representing the countries of the Six Nations. See Mr Thornton's report in the full online edition of the newsletter for more details.

The astroturf on Thursday was the scene of the first half of the KS3 Football World Cup – with students representing Brazil, Argentina, Spain, Holland, Germany and Portugal – which will conclude today. Check next week's newsletter for details.

Also on Thursday staff and students turned out in force for a mixed netball tournament. Despite a



strong performance from Ms Butts's Red team, the winners were the Gold team, captained by Ms Carlidge and comprising Ms C. Morris, Sumei, Riannah, Mimi, Yasmine and Rikki.

Well done also to everyone who paid a pound for the right to wear trainers today – you have so far raised £116.44.

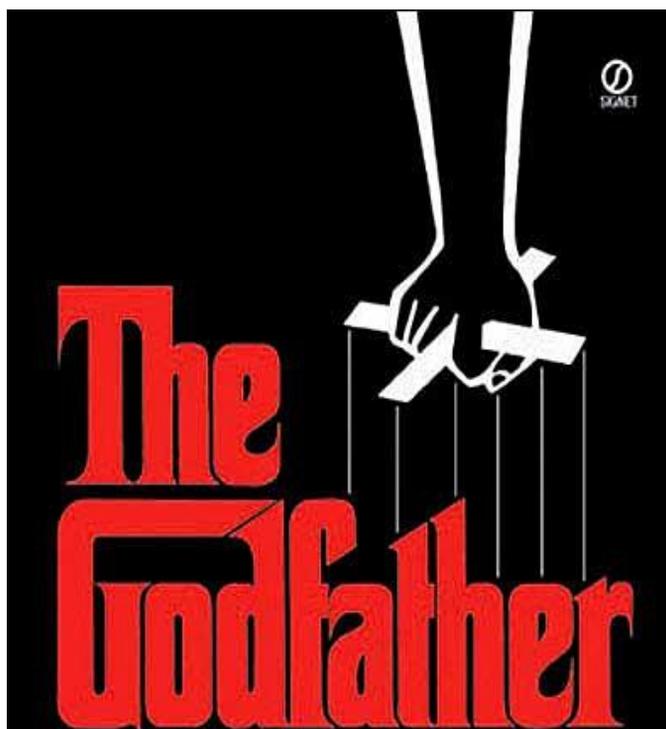
The enthusiasm with which the BDA community has gone about raising money for Sport Relief has been great to see. Thanks to everyone who has taken part and donated – it's been a fantastic week for charity!

Library Review: The Godfather

Mr Crowley: Normally the book is better than the film, sometimes the film is better than the book and then very rarely both are equally brilliant just in different ways. This is the case with the Godfather.

I love the films but I love them because of the fantastic acting as opposed to the storyline. This is why I was hesitant to read the book especially as it is anything but a quick read. However, I am glad I did. It may lack some of the atmosphere and drama of the films but it replaces this with a fascinating amount of detail. For example, the character based on Frank Sinatra has a small role in the film but he comes to life in the book with his adventures in LA with his best friend Nino.

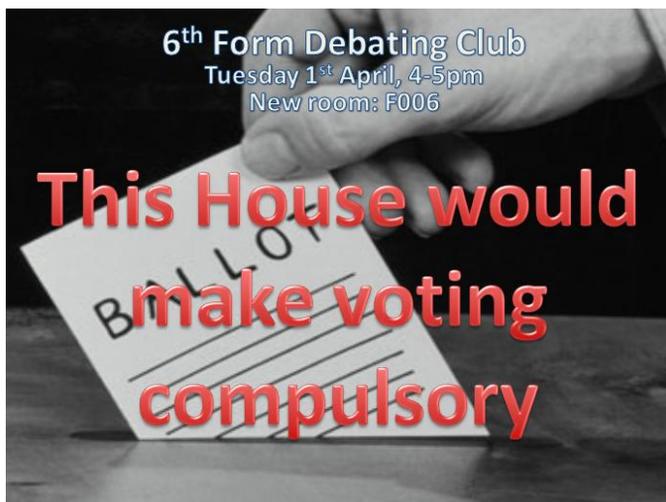
If you liked the films then I would definitely suggest that you give the book a try. It might be long but it is really easy to read and lots of gangsters get shot. This is a fantastic book for those who like more psychological detail about the mafia members who feature in the plot, as well as action and violence. Not for the faint hearted!



Ms Megaw: Hi Sixth Form. In the lead up to March mock exams and the summer term I hope you are thinking carefully about your options for next year. For year 12s this includes consideration of A2 pathways and your university choices from September. For year 13, it is to make careful decisions on firm and insurance choices which are realistic to your current progress.

The following students have now made their firm and insurance university decisions with the corresponding UCAS tariff scores (remember A*= 140, A= 120, B= 100, C= 80 and so on). Congratulations to all the year 13s who have secured these conditional offers - last push now to ensure you meet these tariff grade requirements!

Well done to: Shamsideen, Zainab, Kumal, Yvan, Adekunle, Lilya, Janine, Rochelle, Emmanuel, Kyran, Marcella, Joshua, Farah, Reneisha, Llodawna, Yusra, Diego, Frederick, Esmail, Manal, Laura, Natasa, Almas, Manahel, Hamsa, Jemma, Aminah, Lia, Debbie, Ayub, Adonay and Ibrahim.



PIC OF THE WEEK: A man removes stones from the river as he pans for gold in Lampang, Thailand. Villagers from Wang Nuea look for gold every year during the drought season.

Biology trip to Tufnell Park's Rock Tower

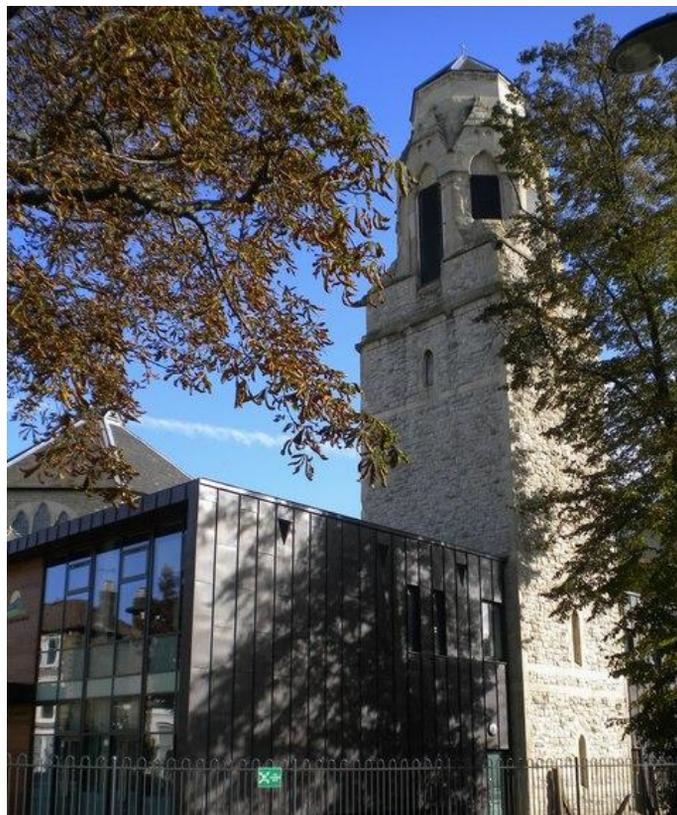
Science Dept: Miss Clark and Miss Ghoris took 23 of our finest AS Biology students to an A-level Biology conference on Wednesday 19th March.

After meeting behind the BDA bike sheds, we headed to Tesco because as Biologists we knew that carbohydrates were key to our success - chocolate and sweets. Fully loaded with emergency supplies, we headed to White City tube station.

Three tubes, a Metro news update, many crisps, sweets, chocolate and a lift full of BDA students later we finally reached the Rock Tower in Tufnell Park, where our day of fun was about to begin.

Examiners gave lectures on the important parts of the syllabus and of course our students duly made notes and listened attentively.

Unfortunately the day was not without incident as Jadon said he was the most uncomfortable he'd ever been and so we made Kader pacify him by swapping seats (although Jadon's height is towards



the extremes of a normal distribution - ask a biologist - and so the venue could not be held responsible!).

All in all a good day out had by all, students especially enjoyed their farewells to each other on the tube.



Mr Jennings: There have been a few moments this week that have made me think many of you are making a real effort to independently do things that will benefit you in the long run. Large numbers of you have work experience placements already secured. A quarter of the year are in the process of completing their Silver DofE award. I have had numerous conversations with students about University courses they have researched. Remember, as Daniel Kahneman proved to us in assembly, it will be nice for year 12 to be memorable but it is more important that it is meaningful.



Mr Fenn: Hello Year 13. It gave me great pleasure to see such pleasing results when analysing the most recent set of predictions this week. So many of you are on and above what are already noble target grades. As always, this should be a time of reflection. Which of your university applications would have accepted and rejected you based on this data? The mock exams start in just over a week's time. Traditionally, students almost always achieve the same grades in mock exams as they do in summer exams. Given the proximity of your mocks to your actual summer exams, I hope you will all revise and prepare thoroughly. Please think carefully about my assembly on how you learn and how best to revise.

NOTICES AND OPPORTUNITIES

See Mr Whitlock for more details



Year 12/13 two days banking experience with BAML.
Deadline: Thursday 27th March. Visit <http://www.purepotential.org/events/baml-banking-uncovered/>



Year 12 Research Placement. **Deadline:** Monday 31st March. Experience Science in action during a 4-6 week Summer placement. Visit www.nuffieldfoundation.org/nlp



Summer School opportunities for various subjects.
Deadline: Saturday 29th March. Visit <http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/schools/summer-schools/>



Free Exhibition: Mind Maps: Stories From Psychology. Why not pop along to the Science Museum and learn about the history of mental health? Visit <http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/>

BDA BOXING MAKES THE HEADLINES

In this week's Hammersmith and Fulham Chronicle you'll find a full report on the impact that boxing is having on our students and the local community.

The full article can also be accessed online with Get West London. Please visit:

<http://www.getwestlondon.co.uk/news/local-news/how-boxing-helping-students-excel-6841486>.

