

STUDENTS EXCEL ON SINGING WEEKEND

Last weekend a group of BDA's aspiring young singers attended an exciting three-day residential trip to Rookesbury as members of the SPARK Choir.

The group stayed in the wonderful main house at Rookesbury in Hampshire; a splendid Tudor building in a tranquil setting of sweeping gardens and countryside. The weekend was a fantastic chance for students to develop their vocal skills and work alongside a variety of artists and teachers.

In addition to the rigorous programme of rehearsals,

creative work and workshops, the attendees enjoyed plenty of games and social activities, including; archery, night walks, camp fires and a cabaret.

The SPARK Choir offers a small number of talented students the chance to excel in a demanding environment, an opportunity grasped with both hands by BDA student Andre Currie, who won an outstanding contribution award.

Well done to all involved. It was a fantastic weekend and you were a credit to the school.



“ASPIRING YOUNG SINGERS”

BDA DEBATING TEAM IMPRESS AT WOOD GREEN

This week saw a group of talented Year 9 students venture to St Thomas More School in Wood Green for two rounds of competitive debating.

The BDA Debate-Mate ensemble consisted of two teams, plus six supporters whose role it was to ask questions from the floor.

The first debate came under the provocative heading, 'This House would ban media coverage of extremist political parties'. Following a measured discussion in which the students articulated some thoroughly considered arguments, both teams

emerged victorious.

The second motion up for consideration was, 'This House would ban gambling', and despite a bravely fought fight, both teams were unable to claim a win.

With a 50% success rate, some might say that the result was suitably diplomatic. Special mention goes to Reece Healy-Elliman, Diana Solomon, Felicity Morokeji, Ezra Gill and Keisha Morris, but everyone involved performed brilliantly.

With such keen and promising debaters in our midst, it is fair to say that the country's future is looking promising.



DEBATE IS FREE

7B LEND A HAND TO BBC PRODUCERS

Two groups of six students from 7B were lucky enough to experience a behind the scenes look at the magical world of children's TV on Wednesday.

The students were selected as official games testers for the upcoming CBBC show, Gory Games, a spinoff of the popular educational franchise, Horrible Histories.

The groups were invited to the BBC television studios to spend the morning and afternoon testing prototypes for the series. They were expected to give feedback to the show's producers, who would then decide on necessary adjustments based on the students' comments.

Following a brisk walk from BDA to the BBC and a quick glimpse at everyday life in the world-famous television centre, it was time for the first test.

Based on life in the Victorian era, the concept behind the first game was the perilous world of factory work. At the time, some children, due to their short stature, were expected to climb inside and fix the broken machines, a very dangerous job indeed!

Living up to the show's gory title, the objective was to make it through a difficult obstacle course, collecting four dismembered fingers along the way. Saleem and Nikita were worryingly good at this task.

Other games included: rescuing a Knight from a Saracen cesspit; a jousting competition; launching giant warts at Oliver Cromwell's face; removing wax from a Viking's ear; and extinguishing the fire of London in an effort to save Samuel Pepys' cheese.

Both groups of students displayed exceptional communication skills throughout the day and made



a significant contribution to the programme's development. They were immaculately behaved and received a barrage of positive comments from those working on the show. One member of the crew commented: 'they have done the school proud'.

Well done Brittany, Alfie, Emmy, Saleem, Alex, Nikita, Paris, Marwa, Aardash, Azarhul, Ilaha and Wahbi.

TALES FROM THE COOP: TALLULAH'S WOES

What with the frost and snow that blew into our beloved coop last week, it's been more than a little frosty for us chickens. Susan, Dumbledore, Colonel Sanders, Duck, The Stallion and I all huddled up close at night to try and keep ourselves warm. Thankfully, our dedicated farmers Christian Acheampong and Abubaker Fahmi were there to lay out fresh bedding which kept us cosy at nights.

Oh yes, it's been hard, there's no doubt about it. Our wings have sometimes felt like they might nearly freeze off. But in a funny sort of way, it's brought us closer together. We're all one happy family down here in the coop! And despite the snow, we're laying more than ever, so come and buy our eggs from Miss Goodwin's office. Until Next week farmers!

Tallulah the Chicken



BDA AIMS TO INSPIRE YOUNG READERS

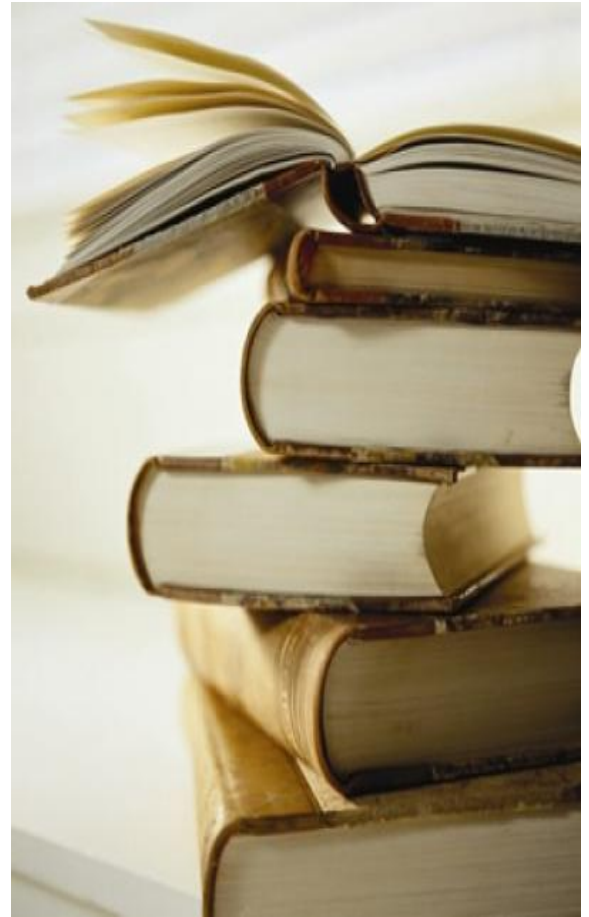
This year, BDA's literacy department have implemented a number of schemes to help improve students' reading levels and to encourage them to access the wonderful world of literature.

One of the projects incorporated into life at BDA has been class reading for Years 7 to 10. As part of the programme, seven KS3 forms have been reading together once a week during form period, since September. The students enjoy reading aloud as a class and progressing together through a number of fantastic works of varying genre.

9U have been reading the sensitive and insightful novel, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time*, and are awaiting a fantastic reward for being the first form to complete their class-reader text.

The feedback for the class-readers sessions has been overwhelmingly positive. The students appreciate the time to engage with the magic of fiction at the same time as improving their academic skills.

The literacy team have also introduced: a reading buddy system; one-to-one reading booster sessions; lunchtime lexia sessions and extraction lessons. You can read more about these in upcoming editions of Academy News.



READER REVIEW: THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PYJAMAS

For their class-reader sessions, students from Year 7 and 8 have been reading the profoundly powerful novel, *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, by Irish novelist John Boyne,

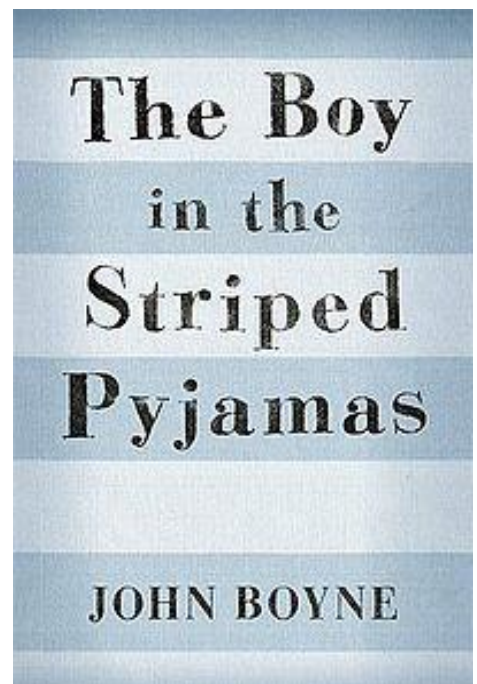
The text is written from the point of view of Bruno, a nine year-old boy growing up in Berlin during WWII. Born to a well off family, his world is turned upside down when Adolf Hitler instructs Bruno's father (an SS officer) to move to the notorious concentration camp, Auschwitz.

Unhappy in his new home, Bruno sets out to explore the unfamiliar surroundings and comes across Shmuel, a young Polish Jew of the

same age. Separated by a strange fence and considerably different circumstances, the boys soon find that they have a great deal in common and a close friendship ensues.

The story that unfolds is a dramatic and unsettling tale of friendship amidst a world in turmoil. The novel confronts a vital period of modern history from a fresh and disturbing angle and provides an interesting means of historical study.

The book will raise an array of thought-provoking questions and inspire further investigation into this most essential of subjects.



JAMIE'S FARM: A WEEK IN THE COUNTRY

Last week, ten Year 9 girls traded in their books and stationary for a set of waterproofs and set off for very cold week in the country at Jamie's Farm.

Accompanied by Miss Aitken and Miss Grayling, the group were were expected to muck in around the farm, helping out with day-to-day tasks such as cleaning out the pig-pens. The trip also involved a number of exhausting but exhilarating walks, horse whispering and even drinking milk fresh from an Ewe! They were also lucky enough to witness the birth of a lamb.

The students had a fantastic time and showed great grit and determination as they battled with the adverse weather conditions. The cold was so extreme that at times the girls feared for their fingers and toes. However, they soldiered on and really benefitted from what was ultimately a very enriching experience.



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Burlington Danes Academy Term Dates and Key Events 2013

Thursday 14th February: Yr10 Parents' Evening

Friday 15th February: Yr10, Yr11, Yr12 and Yr13 Study Skills day. KS3 work at home

Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February: Half Term holiday

Monday 25th February: Staff training day (ARK Summit), no students in school

Monday 11th March – Wednesday 13th March: Academy Show, Guys and Dolls

Thursday 28th March: BDA staff training day, no students in school

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April: Easter Holiday

Monday 15th April: BDA staff training day, no students in school

Tuesday 16th April: Start of summer term

Monday 6th May: May Bank Holiday

Thursday 9th May: Yr7 Parents' Evening

Thursday 16th May: Yr8 Parents' Evening

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May: Half Term holiday

Friday 28th June: Staff training day (ARK summit), no students in school

Thursday 4th July: Yr6 Parents' Evening

Friday 5th July: Sports Day

Wednesday 24th July: Final day of school year



BDA'S STUDENT REPORTERS

Internet vs. The high street brand

Is it good that high street brands such as Blockbusters and HMV?

Many of the high street brands such as Blockbusters are facing bankruptcy and online businesses such as Lovefilm are benefiting from it by getting all their customers. All this is not a rapid process and takes a long time and won't happen overnight, lots of people think that we should start going back to the main high street shops. Other people think it is good that people are going from the high street brands to the internet. All this leads to another problem which is the shortage of jobs in England, in blockbusters alone 760 jobs are going to be cut.

Specialists are calling last year's Christmas "The worst Christmas period on the high street in living memory". One in every nine shops stands empty and approximately only 40% of our shopping actually is done in Britain's 5,400 high streets and similar shopping areas.

To summarise blockbusters and other major stores like HMV are facing bankruptcy while online movie rental companies such as Lovefilm are gaining from it. To conclude lots of high street brands are facing bankruptcy.

BY: Alexander Stewart, Year 7



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PTA OPENS THE FLOOR IN PARENT FORUM

We would like to invite parents to attend the next instalment of BDA's Parent Forum that will be taking place on **13th February, 6.30- 7.30pm.**

Guest speakers will include Senior Vice Principal, Mr Ribton, and Head of English, Mrs Jerred.

Please feel free to come along and ask any questions that you might have in what will be a friendly and welcoming environment. It is also a great way to meet other parents. We look forward to seeing you.

These sessions are an ongoing feature of the Burlington Danes PTA programme and will take place on the 2nd Wednesday of every half term.





THROUGH THE YEARS



Miss Clements: Good afternoon **Year 7** and what a busy week it has been. We are now only one week away from those all important assessments so this weekend is all about vital preparation and revision to ensure you make good progress towards your end of year targets. Lateness to lesson has become an issue recently and students need to be aware that two late marks will result in a two hour detention on Friday. Therefore please move swiftly between lessons to ensure you arrive before the late bell. No excuses! Finally, congratulations to the 12 members of 7B who took part in the games testing for the Horrible Histories game show. I have received so many positive comments from the people working on the show, one of whom said that you "have done the school proud". Very impressive, well done. Have a productive weekend.

Miss Quinton: Good afternoon **Year 8**, next week is Intervention Week and is extremely important. There will be interventions with your subject teachers running at lunch times and after school that you can drop into for extra revision help. These will be published in registration each day. There will also be structured revision sessions in tutor time and so you must bring your revision packs each day in order to make the most of these times. It is a really important week and we are doing all that we can to help you prepare for the exams and achieve success in reaching your targets and so turning your subjects back to green and blue. You too should be busy working hard in lessons and using your revision packs to revise each evening. Have a good weekend and see you on Monday!

Miss Akingbule: Good afternoon **Year 9**. I hope you are preparing for your examinations which start in earnest on Monday 4th February 2013. Attending all revision and intervention sessions will certainly hold you in good stead. Purchase all missing equipment before each examination and do not leave any stone unturned. I launched the Character Development Programme during this week's assembly and our theme is compassion, therefore, you need to start thinking about writing up an activity that demonstrates empathy. You can purchase relevant revision guides in Mathematics and Science from me as you have just eight weeks before your SATs. Enjoy every minute of your weekend but do not forget to revise.

Mr Stephenson: Good afternoon **Year 10**. The attitude on display around the academy is fantastic and it is something that needs to continue, remember you can always do better and better we will always do! For those that are on the Cambridge University trip on Monday, remember that you are representing the school and it is imperative that your manners, conduct and respect are impeccable. Parents, the pupils are undertaking controlled assessments in science over the next week so it is imperative that their attendance is high and that their attitude matches our high expectations. Please also be aware that Parents Evening will be taking place in two weeks, letters have been sent out this afternoon so a prompt response would be warmly appreciated. The pupils also receive two to three pieces of homework a day so there should be no excuses that they do not have homework, so keep having conversations that promote academic positivity. They are a great Year group, let us work together to keep it that way.

Mr Bissoo: Good afternoon **Year 11**. Success or failure depends more upon attitude than upon capacity..Successful people act as though they have accomplished or are enjoying something. Soon it becomes a reality. Act, look, feel successful, conduct yourself accordingly, and you will be amazed at the positive results. Remember that **a smile is a curve that sets everything straight – so use yours!** Congratulations to one of our unsung heroes **Victor Vilela** 11B who was awarded the most merits this week! Keep it up! For those of you who will be attending Maths and RE intervention this weekend I will see you tomorrow ON TIME, to the rest of you have a wonderful weekend, revise, relax and rejuvenate!

Mr Fenn: Good Afternoon **Year 12**. With just two weeks left until half term it is vital you are making the most of your lesson time and the opportunities be offered to you. I would like you all to seriously consider attending a summer school. They last between one and two weeks and many of them are funded, including ones at Oxford and Cambridge. Furthermore, they are desperate to get students in from state schools and look fantastic on your UCAS application. We have a busy week next week. Monday is Religious Education day, although you will be in normal lessons from periods 5 and 6. Tuesday we have our Sussex University trip. You can wear your own clothes, but given **how well dressed** your Head of Year is, I expect you all to look smart. Please arrive at school for 7:30, as the coach is leaving at 8:00. On Wednesday, I expect you all be completing your UCAS booklets, ready to submit your proposals to your form tutor. Enjoy the weekend!

Miss Megaw: Good afternoon **Year 13!** Happy Friday! A huge congratulations with the students who have now received all five university responses; **Iman, Hannan, Zeta, Jawad, Miles, Nelima, Kelly, Sabina, Nishat, Aden, Josh P, Altan, Lee, Charizel, Nawid and Ola!** As discussed in assembly, I want you to consider your attendance to lessons and form time over the next term- bearing in mind that you are practicing for your ability to manage your time in a work or university environment. This is the last year that you will have your very dedicated teachers chasing you around to ensure you achieve the best possible grades! We have very little time left to secure the FANTASTIC university offers you are securing. Well done to this week's SOTW; **Aminata, Mickaela, Iqra** and this week's DOL SOTW **Amina!**



MR PRESTON'S NEWS QUIZ



1. Which two northern cities are to be linked to Birmingham by the high-speed train network?
2. Where would you find a body of water called Lake Whillans?
3. Whose selection for 'Desert Island Discs' included the Beatles' 'Here comes the sun'?
4. Who is the new US Secretary of State?
5. Which actor appears as Apple founder Steve Jobs in a new film?

Last week's questions and answers: What is the name of the Israeli parliament? **Knesset** Whose car has been sold for £2.6 million? **Batman's** Who is exchanging a violin for skis in 2014? **Vanessa Mae** In which country has the Kaurna language been revived? **Australia** Which species of fish has been removed from the list of fish suitable to eat? **Mackerel**

5, 4, 3, 2, 1: Miss Patel reveals a taste for world-cuisine and all things Johnny Depp...

5 people you would love to have round for dinner:

- Michael Macintyre
- Heston Blumenthal...mainly to cook my dinner
- Tim Burton
- Jonny Depp (if Tim Burton's there, it would be a shame not to have Jonny!)
- Miranda!

4 books or films you will never forget

- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (I wish I was joking)
- Edward Scissorhands
- Nothing to Envy (a non-fiction narrative piece about the secrets of N.Korea)
- Titanic

3 foods you would have for your last meal

- I'm going to broaden meal to cuisine and go for:
- Italian, Thai and Indian.

2 countries you would love to visit

- Brazil
- Nepal

1 day you will always remember

- The day my little sister was born, she was beautiful



"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (I wish I was joking)"





SPORTING NEWS



YR 9 FOOTBALL BOYS V HOLLAND PARK

Mr Gooch: The year 9s went into this fixture with high hopes of finishing top of their group in the QPR hosted West London league.

A boisterous changing room did not reflect the near silent nature in which BDA started the game, although in control of much of possession, BDA struggled to retain or make any meaningful inroads into the Holland Park defence.

0-0 was a fair reflection of a flat first half, however Mr Gooch's substitution and adjusted formation had an immediate impact as BDA exploited space out wide, With Kane slotting the ball in from a central spot.

BDA grew in confidence and dominated a physically larger Holland park side with man of the match Ishmael scoring BDA's second goal soon after to assure BDA's supremacy. With minutes left on the clock Ricardo's tireless work in the middle of the pitch was rewarded with a well taken goal.

A makeshift BDA team with a number of last minute replacements gave an assured second half display, which left acting coach M Gooch impressed with the potential.



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BDA BASKETBALL TEAM RISE TO THE TOP

Student Reporter, Ahmed Omar: The year 7's first match of the season against Hammersmith Academy saw an astonishing performance from Milsoh, Ahmed O, Casherel, Kai C-M, Mo Tarzan, Cesare and Aston.

The BDA Ballers scored points early in the game but took their foot off the gas and let Hammersmith draw close. In the second half after some rousing words from coach Mr Jennings, the BDA players increased their work rate and let their superior talent shine through.

At the final whistle they where 18-10 up to take a tremendous victory and head straight to the top of the borough's basketball league table. Their next game is against local rivals Phoenix next week....





UPCOMING SPORTING FIXTURES



Date	Sport	Year Group	Opposition	Venue	Staff	Start
4.2.13	Football	8	Hurlingham & Chelsea	BDA Astro	Mr King	4:00
5.2.13	Rugby	7 and 8	RFU Tournament	Hampstead RFC	Mr Jennings	10:00
5.2.13	Rugby	7	Ruislip	BDA Astro	Mr Gooch	4:00
6.2.13	Basketball	7	Phoenix	BDA Hall	Mr Jennings	4:00
6.2.13	Basketball	8 and 9	Phoenix	BDA Hall	Mr Jennings	5:00
7.2.13	Football	7	Hammersmith	BDA Astro	Mr Crawford	5:00
9.2.13	Table Tennis	All Years	2 Star Competition	Milton Keynes	Mr Medellin	9:00



NEXT WEEK'S DIARY



Monday 04.02.13	Sixth Form RE Day Guest Speaker Lawyers in Schools	p1&2: Y9 Mod Lang GCSE: P4 Art Practical Assessment	p5&6: Y9 Latin
Tuesday 05.02.13	Y10 Assembly (Potter Theatre) Y8 Year Assembly (Sports Hall) Y12 Into University Enterprise Afternoon	GCSE: P1&2 Art Practical Assessment p3&4: Y9 RE	p5&6: Y9 Geography
Wednesday 06.02.13	Y11 Year Assembly (Potter Theatre) Y9 Year Assembly (Sports Hall) Y9 Into University	p3&4: Y9 History	
Thursday 07.02.13	Y12 Year Assembly led by FEN (Potter Theatre)	GCSE: P4 Art Practical Assessment	
Friday 08.02.13	Y13 Year Assembly (Potter Theatre) Y12 English AS Literature Residential trip to Haworth	GCSE: P1&2 Art Practical Assessment p1&2: Y8 Spanish	p5&6: Y8 Latin

WORD OF THE WEEK:

SUBTLE

Adjective

1. (esp. of a change or distinction) So delicate or precise as to be difficult to analyze or describe.

2. (of a mixture or effect) Delicately complex and understated.

THIS WEEK'S THEME:

FAITH

A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

from Luke 8 22-25