

INDIA BENEFIT: A GREAT SUCCESS

Miss Stone: Yesterday evening was the India Benefit Dinner to raise money for the Y12 Trip to India in October.

Around 60 people convened in the Burlington Atrium, including staff, parents and friends of the school, to eat their way through a three course Indian meal cooked by our very own Adele and the students.

There was fantastic entertainment by the Ellington Trio, Chante from Y13 and the Inspire Dance Company. Mr Preston's persuasive manner contributed to a very successful auction, including much fought over signed Ashley Cole and Patrick Vieira football shirts, with Mrs Pape and Miss Aitken emerging victorious. A game of Heads and Tails came down to Miss Stanger Vs Ezra in 9B with Miss Stanger claiming the victory.

Despite all the frivolity, Sara and Almas reminded us of the key reasons behind the trip, explaining just how life changing contracting Polio can be for children in India.

The money is still being counted but we are sure that we raised over £2000 last night and on behalf of all the staff and students going on the trip I would just like to say a huge thank you to everybody who supported the event.



SPEAK UP WITH BDA'S STUDENT VOICE

At Burlington Danes it is important to us that all students have the opportunity to express themselves have their opinions heard.

This is where Student Voice comes in. The scheme gives our pupils a chance to contribute to the academy and ensures that all students are represented.

If you'd like to know more about it, a series of videos was uploaded to YouTube this week promoting the project and explaining the ins and outs of how it works and how to get involved.

The videos were made by our Head Boy and Head Girl, along with their deputies. They can all be viewed on our very own YouTube channel:

www.youtube.com/burlingtondanes1699



INTRODUCING: THE DOVES OF BURLINGTON DANES



Burlington Danes have recently welcomed six editions to our feathered population.

The Danes doves have settled in comfortably since arriving at the start of term and appear to be feeling more and more at home every day.

This week, the netting on their dovecote was removed, allowing them to fly feely around the grounds (one just soared past my window looking very happy indeed).

All have been returning to the nest and seem to consider themselves part of the BDA family. We think that two are currently sitting on eggs, so we may have a few more joining us very soon.

DO YOU HAVE A SHARP EYE FOR AN IMAGE?



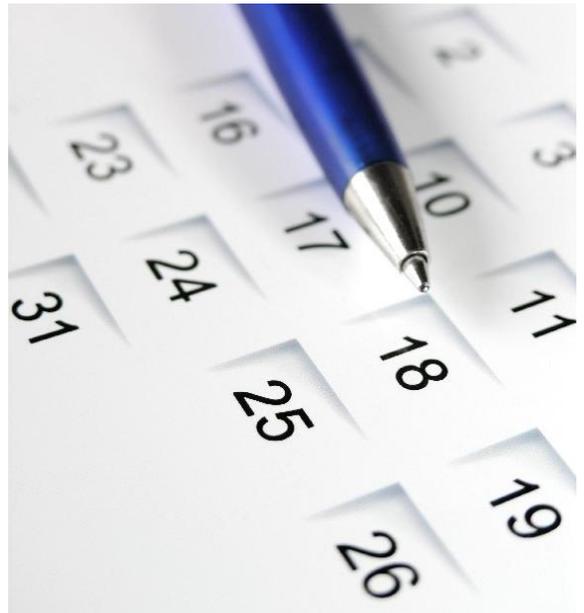
Are you an enthusiastic photographer with a sharp eye for an image? If so then Mr Moore's BDA Young Photographer of the Year Competition is just the thing for you!

The competition is currently open and runs until Friday 21st June. If you have an image that you would like to submit then please email it to Mr Moore at andrew.moore@burlingtondanes.org. You can submit three for consideration.

Remember, pictures tell stories and a great image will have an awful lot to say, so keep your lenses at the ready and get shooting. The best photos will be included in the next BDA calendar.

KEY DATES AT BURLINGTON DANES

- 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
- Monday 8th July - Friday 12th July:** Yr10 Work Experience week
- Wednesday 10th July:** Sports Day
- Wednesday 24th July:** Final day of school year
- Wednesday 4th September:** First day of school year, staggered entry for all year groups Wednesday to Friday of this week
- Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November:** Half Term Holiday
- Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January:** Christmas Holiday
- Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February:** Half Term holiday
- Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April:** Easter Holiday
- Monday 5th May:** May Day Bank Holiday
- Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May:** Half Term Holiday
- Tuesday 22nd July:** Final day of the school year



Football Boys Aloft with Success

Mr King: The boy's football teams have been playing in the QPR Football League all season and we are very excited to announce that Year 7, Year 9 and Year 10 have all reached the finals to be played at the QPR Loftus Road Stadium.

It is an excellent achievement to have 3 teams in the finals and should be a fantastic occasion for all students. BDA will want to hear you cheering from the side so please come along and show your support - all are welcome on the day!

The dates and times for the matches are:

Year 7 V St Thomas More, Saturday 18th May, 9.00am Kick off (Plate final)

Year 9 V Cardinal Vaughan, Sunday 19th May, 9.00am Kick off (Championship Final)

Year 10 V Phoenix, Sunday 19th May, 10.00am kick off (Championship Final)

The entry fee will be £1.00 for students and £2.00 for adults and QPR will be opening a kiosk to sell refreshments.

If you would like more information then please speak to Mr King in the PE department.

COME ON YOU BDA!!!



“BDA want to hear you cheering so please come along and show your support”

Promising signs on a great day for cricket

BDA's KS3 cricket boys enjoyed their first outdoor match of the year on Tuesday afternoon. After a good performance in the regional indoor competition in February, the team were looking to build on that platform with a solid start to the season.

As the academy field soaked up the last of the late afternoon sun, Hammersmith Academy arrived and the game got underway. BDA batted first and, despite struggling slightly with the soft batting track, the boys showed some very promising signs.

Jordan looked good early on but Sachin, whose technical stroke play was a joy to behold, looked the most threatening. Following two fours and a huge six, swept beautifully over mid-wicket, he was caught brilliantly by a Hammersmith fielder diving forward to end the brief but bright innings and stunt the run-rate.

Also looking good with the bat was Aardash, whose unwavering commitment to training was evident in his confident defensive shots. He deserved a higher score for his efforts.

Having chipped away on the challenging track to amass a respectable score, it was Hammersmith's turn at the crease. Despite some strong, aggressive



pace bowling from Aanosh and an excellent keeping display from Jordan, the impressive opponents managed to knock off the total with three overs to spare.

Although defeat is hard to take, it must be noted that there were some very positive signs for the summer of cricket ahead. With the right attitude and commitment to training we are sure that there will be wins aplenty.

The Sky's the Limit for BDA Athlete

Lia Stephenson, Year 12, has achieved exceptional athletic success this year and has been rewarded for her supreme efforts with a special recognition award.

Lia's triumphant few months began at the end of January with the London Indoor Games, where she won the triple jump - her specialist event - and came second in the 60m sprint.

Next was the Middlesex Championships in March which saw Lia again claim top spot in the triple jump and fourth in the 60m with a personal best of 8.15 seconds.

Her consistent performances are in no small part due to her drive and overwhelming desire to reach the top. Lia is determined to make a name for herself in her first year competing in the U20s category and has made a formidable start.

She said: "Even when I have a bad jump or training session I just stay focused and keep going as my goal is to one day compete for GB at the Olympics. Hopefully with the help and support of my coach, athletes, BDA, family and friends I will be able to pursue my dream.

Lia added to her extensive list of accomplishments in April with comprehensive victories in the Southern Athletics League - placing first in both the triple jump and high jump.

Last month the impressive athlete beat her personal best in the triple jump at the Youth Development League and is now ranked second in London and



Lia received the Jack Petchey Outstanding Achiever Award

seventh in the UK.

For her continued success, Lia has received the prestigious Jack Petchey Award for Outstanding Achievement. The award is in recognition of her outstanding commitment to sport.

In addition, she has been selected to compete at the UK Women's League in June, alongside the best seniors and U20s in the UK.

Lia has also received a letter from overseas suggesting that she apply for a sporting scholarship at a US university.

For this promising young athlete, the sky's the limit.



NEXT WEEK'S DIARY



Monday 06.05.13	BANK HOLIDAY ACADEMY CLOSED			
Tuesday 07.05.13	Y12/13 SLT Assembly (Potter Theatre) Y10 Year Assembly (Main Hall) Y8 Year Assembly (Sports Hall)			
Wednesday 08.05.13	Y7 SLT Assembly (Main Hall) Y11 Year Assembly (Potter Theatre) Y9 Year Assembly (Sports Hall) Y8 Docklands Museum Trip 20 from 7B,8B and 9B to London Dungeons			Italian Oral (AS) (After School)
Thursday 09.05.13	Y8/9 SLT Assembly (Main Hall) Y12 Year Assembly (Potter Theatre) 4.30-7pm: Year 7 Parents' Evening pm: 9U Theatre Trip (PRT) 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime'			
Friday 10.05.13	Y10/11 SLT Assembly (Main Hall) Y13 Year Assembly (Potter Theatre) Y7 Year Assembly (Sports Hall) Year 12 Study Leave commences			

Young actors, poised and professional

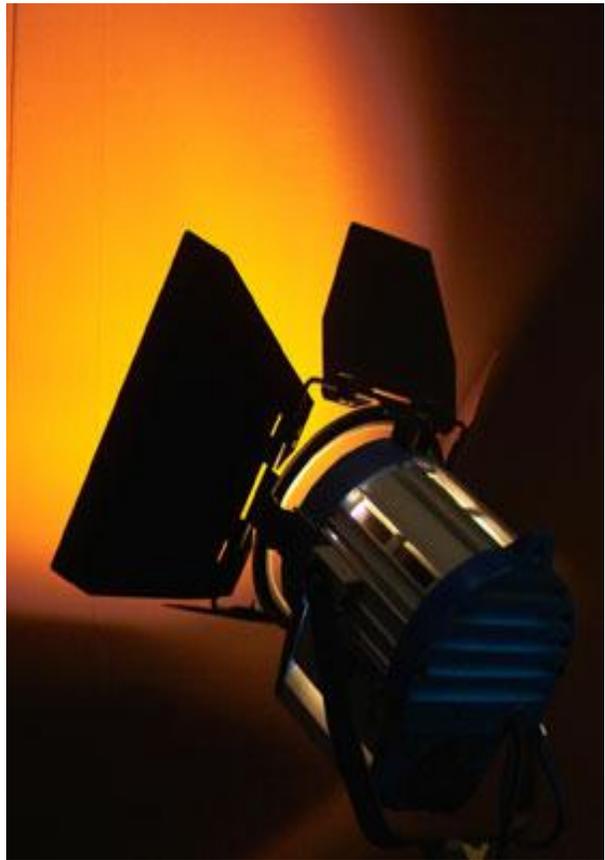
Mr Rowlands-Roberts: On Monday, 12 young actors performed an outstanding selection of extracts to an audience of students and parents in the Dennis Potter Theatre.

Rami Lewis, Ladan Esa and Isha Sidique performed in the hostage drama, 'Someone Who'll Watch Over Me', embodying the trauma of John McCarthy and Brian Keenan, who were held in Lebanon for 5 years. It was a truthful and emotional performance by all of them.

Kellie Jackson, Samiya Ismail, Olivia Rogers, Fyela Wray, Cristina Vega and Kydie McKenna all played the inhabitants of a Northern pub in Jim Cartwright's 'Two'. Kellie and Samiya brought out the angst and tragedy of a couple who have lost their son in a car accident and Olivia and Fyela conjured up some neat Michael Jackson dance moves as a dysfunctional couple.

Finally, Jadon Guthrie, Milena Maliowska and Ondraya Morris performed in Andy Hamilton's 'The Exam'. This was hilarious tale of three students before an exam who have to overcome teenage infatuations, vomiting and worst of all their own parents!

All of the actors applied themselves with professionalism and I was very proud to have directed them.



CURRENT BDA HOUSE TABLE



House	Chicken Race (March 2013)	House Netball	Cook Off	Acc Reader (Dec)	Hamper	Dec Merits	Acc Reader (March 2013)	Dance Comp	Spelling Bee	TOTAL	Position
ROM	60	40	30	60	50	30	60	0	60	750	1
PHI	50	60	60	50	60	60	20	0	30	720	2
COR	10	30	40	50	20	40	50	60	20	690	3
GAL	40	10	50	20	10	20	10	50	50	640	4
EPH	20	50	30	20	40	10	30	50	10	590	5
COL	30	30	30	10	30	50	40	0	40	500	6



MR PRESTON'S NEWS QUIZ



1. Whose younger brother has been appointed head of the policy unit at 10 Downing Street?
2. Who will appear on the new £5 note?
3. To which sport has British Olympic discus thrower Lawrence Okoye switched?
4. Which boy band has announced it intends to split?
5. Whose swimming trunks were sold at auction for £540?

Last week's questions: Which London theatre is setting up a new youth company? **The Globe** Why has Alisher Usmanov been in the news this week? **Officially the richest man in the UK** Which tube station has been voted their least favourite by commuters? **Bank** Who intentionally ran just half of the London Marathon? **Mo Farah** How many league titles have been won by Manchester United under Sir Alex Ferguson? **13**

5, 4, 3, 2, 1: Mrs Grayling wants to go where the dance is good...

5 people you would invite for dinner :

- The Queen Mother – to keep everyone in check
- Colin Firth – dressed as Mr Darcy
- Omid Djalili – to entertain us all
- Pavarotti – to sing while we eat
- Kenny Everett – my claim to fame – I danced with him once at a party

4 books and films:

- Pride and Prejudice (the book, the film and the bbc series)
- Redeeming Love

3 foods you would have for your last meal:

- Curry goat, rice and peas
- Mum's Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings
- Rhubarb crumble with real custard

2 places you'd love to visit:

- Brazil – to boogie on down at carnival
- Hawaii – Dance with the hula hula girls

1 day you'll never forget:

- Bouncing on a bouncy castle in my wedding dress



“Bouncing on a bouncy castle in my wedding dress”





THROUGH THE YEARS



Miss Clements: Good afternoon **Year 7**, I am very excited about our rewards trip to see Iron Man 3 in 3D this afternoon. It is the perfect way to celebrate the vast numbers of merits that some students in the year group have been awarded. Remember, if you didn't have enough merits for this trip, there is still time to earn enough merits to be able to go on the Thorpe Park trip in June. May I also remind you that your end of year exams will be taking place soon after the May Half Term holiday so please make sure you are completing your homework to the highest standard, working hard in lessons and taking advantage of homework club if you require extra support. The results from these exams will determine your Year 8 form groups in September. Have a lovely long weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Miss Quinton: Good afternoon **Year 8**, There are just 10 weeks left of Y8 and a lot of things happening in this time including trips to France and Thorpe Park, Parents Evening, Sports Day and most importantly your end of year assessments. Please make sure that you are making the most of every lesson and not missing any days of school. In these last few weeks attendance matters more than ever. Also this week, it has been nice to see so many of you taking photos for the BDA photography competition. This is a really good thing to take part in and the best will be used in the Y9 calendar next year. I look forward to seeing your entries and this weekend is a perfect opportunity to start snapping. Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend!

Miss Akingbule: Good afternoon **Year 9**. As a year group, well done for improving on your record of attendance this week, every minute of every attended lesson counts and could contribute to an improvement in your academic performance in your subjects. If you are going on the residential to Marchants Hill in Surrey, endeavour to return your reply slip by Tuesday 7th of May. In order to qualify for the next trip to Thorpe Park, you must start contributing and behaving in lessons, this will enable you to earn merits from your teachers. Enjoy every minute of your extended weekend break and do not forget to read a book.

Mr Stephenson: Good afternoon **Year 10**. It has been very clear from the data that was shown to you during the Year 10 Assembly that we are making massive strides to becoming a very successful year group. I enjoy watching all of you from tutor groups A to B making every effort you can to be successful, keep pushing yourselves. I would also like to take this opportunity to promote BDA young photographer of the Year competition. This competition was inspired by you! I think it would be a brilliant opportunity for you to take part in, as we want to see the world through your eyes, so get snapping. Dear Parents, information about your child's academic performance will be sent out to you in the post, it is very important that you look through this information and discuss it honestly with your child. If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact me. We want to be in a strong position upon taking the end of year exams and this can only be achieved via a unified effort. Enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

Mr Bissoo: Good afternoon **Year 11**, 10 days to the first GCSE whole year group exam!! Yes the clock is truly ticking and now, more than any other time, your daily routine is about making the right decisions. Revise or relax? Go out with friends or stay in and cover that last topic? 10 minutes extra revision or 10 minutes extra television? Practice or procrastinate? Its ALL down to you. I hope to see many of you **tomorrow for the revision skills session**, please remember that registration is at 9.45pm and latecomers will be turned away at the door once the session commences. Please use all the resources and preparation materials your teachers have provided you with, **definitely** take some time to de-stress but just remember that the *difference between school and life is that in school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson!* So everything YOU do now counts! See you tomorrow ☺

Mr Fenn: Good Afternoon **Year 12**. The exams are upon us and I wish you all the luck in the world. However, luck will play no part – preparation will. Use your exam timetable effectively and ensure you still continue to come in for all of your lessons until your exam in that subject is finished. Your personal statement deadline is on the 12th June (the first Wednesday back). It is essential you use your UCAS workbooks to help you completing these. However, it is up to you in terms of how much you wish to complete of these books. Once you have your first draft, the school will really be able to help you improve these and tailor them toward your particular course choices. However, this cannot be done without a first draft.

Miss Megaw: Good afternoon **Year 13!** It is now only **three weeks until the start of your exam timetable**, and of course some of the A2 and AS exams have already begun- MFL this week, and Art next week. Please ensure you are making use of your extra revision sessions with class teachers and maintain your focus and attendance over the coming weeks. Please don't forget to complete your **firm and insurance choices and your student finance applications** this weekend. Well done to the SOTW this week; **Taha, Mickaela, Jimmy** and this week's DOL SOTW **Catia!**



UPCOMING SPORTING FIXTURES



Date	Sport	Year Group	Opposition	Venue	Staff	Start
8.5.13	Athletics	8 and 9	Borough Competition	LC Stadium	Mr Jennings Miss Butts	14:00

COATES' COMMENDATION

This week's commendation goes to a boy who has shown real honesty towards a fellow pupil.

A year 9 student lost a watch that is very special to him last week and Lamar Mullings in 8A found it and handed it straight in. The watch is now back in the possession of its very happy and grateful owner.

This was an admirable act of honesty that showed Lamar's genuine concern for his BDA companions. Sometimes we might not realise just how important someone's possessions are to them, but items that seem trivial to one can be of serious sentimental value to another.

This is just the kind of behaviour that I like to see at Burlington Danes. Thank you and well done Lamar.



WORD OF THE WEEK: HEDONISTIC

ADJECTIVE

a description of a life devoted to the pursuit of pleasure and self-gratification

THIS WEEK'S THEME: HEALING

Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked
from John 5 1-9