

HEBBA ON HER TRIP TO PARLIAMENT

Hebba 10B: On Friday the 3rd of May, myself, Kenan, Cassie, Mushtaq and Tariq visited the Houses of Parliament for a 'EuroVoices' workshop.

We were separated into five different groups and got to meet new people from schools all over London - and even some delegates from France. When we split into these groups we discussed different topics such as: Crime, Youth unemployment, Religion, and Britain's place in Europe.

We then had to think of two questions to ask a panel of high-profile people such as a human rights' activist. With these two questions we then took part in a debate, where we could ask our questions and gain some advice on what the panel thought about each one. For example: when asked about youth unemployment, a young woman named Jaqueline said she felt there should be more paid work experience and apprenticeships.

I was very lucky to have been able to speak three times and thoroughly enjoyed the tour that followed! It was a



very beneficial experience and if the opportunity should arise again, I would recommend it to all those who are thinking about a career in politics or even just to be able to voice your opinions on current affairs.

9U REWARD TRIP – A CURIOUS INCIDENT

Having read *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* during their class-reader sessions, 15 members of 9U were treated to an afternoon out to watch the popular new stage version yesterday.

The play introduces Christopher, a teenage maths genius with a condition that appears - but is never confirmed - to be autism. Christopher embarks on a strange and thrilling journey in pursuit of the mysterious killer of his neighbour's dog; the narrative that unfolds is beautiful, thought-provoking and hugely entertaining.

Miss Pretsell described the show as "an absolute triumph" and commended the students on their excellent behaviour. She said: "The students loved the use of giant plasma screens throughout the show. The main character even squeezed in some A-level maths too! The show is an excellent version of the original book that stays true to the story faithfully."

In related news, 7A have finished the *BFG* in their class-reader sessions and have moved on to *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. A competition will soon be launched with 15 places up for grabs to see the stage version of the Roald Dahl classic.



"An absolute triumph"

A School Nurse With a Difference



Miss Stewart, the BDA school nurse, has taken a very positive approach to her role at Burlington Danes, building a strong relationship with staff and students and immersing herself in the BDA community spirit. She recently wrote an article for the Children Family Health and Wellbeing newsletter detailing her experience with us so far. Please see below...

Working as a school nurse is rewarding and enjoyable. Being given the opportunity to engage with young people and make a difference to how they perceive their health is amazing.

But it's not just the professional aspect of school nursing that I find enjoyable; also all the fun stuff that comes with being in a school environment. Sometimes professionals can take work too seriously and therefore are unable to engage effectively with young people. Being approachable, but at the same time a knowledgeable figure of authority, is something that I feel young people respect.

My allocated secondary school has a large range of extra curriculum activities which are accessible to students as well as staff, and I feel that taking part in some of the activities and making myself more visible to students and staff enables me to build stronger relationships overall.

I took it upon myself to join the school steel band, having played when I was at secondary school myself. I am currently an established member and took part in the spring concert in March 2013. I attend rehearsals regularly and, in the summer term, we will be practising for the summer concert, which I am looking forward to. I do find that at rehearsals the students engage and interact with me

completely differently and are more open. This makes me feel not just like the 'school nurse', but an established member of the staff within the school.

Interacting with the staff is just as important as building relationships with students. I volunteered to take part in a staff versus sixth formers netball match, to raise money for Comic Relief. This was an enjoyable experience and I met staff members that I had not met before, which again made the school nurse service visible.

The principal, Dame Sally Coates, told me: "It is great to see a school nurse integrated with the school and taking part in extra curriculum activities to strengthen relationships between herself and the students."

The positive outcome of working so closely with the school is that now I am a visible and integrated member of the school staff who is accessible to students and staff. I have established the school nurse service within the secondary school and posters about the service can be found around the school and in the staff room. I believe that if school nurses take more time getting to know the culture of their school and integrate their working, school nursing as a whole will become a more valued service.

FILM CLUB RECOMMENDS: EDWARD SCISSORHANDS



Tim Burton's updated take on Frankenstein is a rich and entertaining experience that explores what it is to be an outsider.

In a musty mansion overlooking a small suburban town, an ageing inventor constructs a synthetic companion for himself, but before he can complete his work the inventor dies.

From here a haunting tale of love and loneliness ensues as Edward ventures into the town below, bringing the sleepy inhabitants to life.

Credited by many as Johnny Depp's breakthrough role as a serious actor, it is arguably his best. The final scene is sure to impress.

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

- 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



WORLD NEWS: THE END OF AN ERA - FERGIE STEPS DOWN



Sir Alex Ferguson has decided to step down from his post as manager of Manchester United after 26 successful years at the helm.

The Scot joined the Red Devils in 1986 at a time when they had not won a title for 26 years. Since then they have amassed a mighty 38 trophies, including 13 league titles and two Champions League crowns.

There was speculation that Jose Mourinho might fill the vacant position, but Everton manager David Moyes - long considered a strong prospect to take the reins - was formally appointed yesterday.

Sir Alex will lead Utd for a final time against West Brom, which will be his 1500th game in charge.

BDA ATHLETES' POWERHOUSE PERFORMANCE



The Years 8 and 9 athletics teams enjoyed a very successful time at the Hammersmith and Fulham Athletics Tournament last week.

The event hosted schools from across the borough, including fierce sporting rivals the Oratory, Sacred Heart and Fulham Academy. While both the boys and girls Year 8 teams and the girls Year 9 team performed exceptionally well to secure third place, the boys Year 9 team stormed to an amazing victory.

Well done to Rio Andrew, Jesse Hinds, Mahad Awes, Raeem Leavy, Ola Omisore and Ricardo Cardo on your impressive win – we are very proud! This was a great warm up for the major London Athletics Championships to be held in Croydon on Thursday.

Come and support BDA football

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, 900am 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”



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



NEXT WEEK'S DIARY



Monday 13.05.13		GCSE: Religious Studies Media Studies AS Religious Studies AS Economics AS Music AS	GCSE: French Sociology AS Maths C1, Maths M1
Tuesday 14.05.13	Y10 Year Assembly (Burlington Atrium) Y8 Year Assembly (Sports Hall)	GCSE: Biology 2 and 3 History AS	GCSE: Physical Education Portuguese Reading Persian Reading Geography AS
Wednesday 15.05.13	Y11 Year Assembly (Burlington Atrium) Y9 Year Assembly (Sports Hall) P3 & 4: Y10 OC Project	Hospitality & Catering Turkish AS	GCSE: English iGCSE Italian AS
Thursday 16.05.13	4.30-7pm: Year 8 Parents' Evening	Arabic AS Portuguese AS	Dance AS
Friday 17.05.13	Y13 Year Assembly (Burlington Atrium) Y7 Year Assembly (Sports Hall)	GCSE: Religious Studies Maths S1/D1 Gov & Pol AS	GCSE: English Language (iGCSE) Spanish Economics AS English Lit AS



MR PRESTON'S NEWS QUIZ



1. Who is the leader of the UK Independence Party?
2. Who gave a group of street drummers a 'Royal' telling-off?
3. Who is the new king of the Netherlands?
4. Who will lead the Team Sky challenge in the Tour de France?
5. Who plays the villain in the latest Star Trek movie?

Last week's questions: Whose younger brother has been appointed head of the policy unit at 10 Downing Street? **Boris Johnson** Who will appear on the new £5 note? **Sir Winston Churchill** To which sport has British Olympic discus thrower Lawrence Okoye switched? **American football** Which boy band has announced it intends to split? **JLS** Whose swimming trunks were sold at auction for £540? **Tom Daley's**

5, 4, 3, 2, 1: Mr Reynolds gives a certain striker his due...

5 people you would invite for dinner:

Thom Yorke- Musical genius
 'Sir' Les Ferdinand- QPR legend
 Ian Holloway- For his quick wit and humour
 Paula Radcliffe- Endurance running tips!
 Jools Holland- Musical encyclopdia

4 books and films:

1984, George Orwell
 His Dark Materials, Phillip Pullman
 Blood Diamond
 Alone in Berlin, Hans Fallada

3 foods you would have for your last meal:

Rare Steak with homemade chips and a peppercorn sauce
 Chicken Jalfrezi
 Roast Lamb with mint sauce

2 places you'd love to visit:

Yellowstone National Park, USA
 Manaus in the Amazon Rainforest, Brazil

1 day you'll never forget:

Hiking up 'the Icelandic volcano' Eyjafjallajökull last summer. The climb took us through so many different, amazing landscapes until we were trudging along in fog and ice. We stayed in a hut on the top overnight, and a friendly Ranger offered to get us a drink- casually got a shovel, dug into the glacier and put a chunk of ice into a pan. The freshest water I have ever tasted.





THROUGH THE YEARS



Miss Clements: Good afternoon **Year 7**, it was so wonderful to see so many of you and your parents at parents evening last night. I hope you go away this weekend and reflect on the feedback you received from your teachers. Some of you have made a fantastic start to your academic career at BDA and I am really proud of you. Unfortunately some of you still have a lot of improvements to make. These changes need to take place now before it is too late. Remember you only have 9 weeks left in Year 7, so make sure you make every lesson count. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Quinton: Hello **Year 8**, I enjoyed the assembly led by 8B this week. There was lots to think about and it was lovely to see the whole class involved in helping us to think through the importance of resilience. 8B have set a high bar but I am confident that 8U next week followed by the rest of the tutor groups will match or even exceed their performance. Your tutors and I are very much looking forward to judging and announcing the class that has delivered the best assembly. Have a lovely weekend and for those going on the Brittany trip the next instalment of trip fees is due by Friday 17th.

Miss Akingbule: Good afternoon **Year 9**. I hope you have had a pleasant week. I am certainly looking forward to our residential trip in June; get your letters and deposits in by Monday 13th of May. If you have missed out on the opportunity to join us on the PGL trip, you can make amends by accruing as many merits as possible; the latter will enable you to join us on the end of year trip to Thorpe Park. Have a great weekend and do not forget to read a book.

Mr Stephenson: Good afternoon **Year 10**. We are drawing closer to two important periods within the Year 10 calendar; work experience and the end of year examinations. It is imperative that you are preparing yourself adequately for this as we are not a year group accustomed to barriers, we are a year group accustomed to transcending them so let's keep maintaining that ethos. Parents, you have received a letter that contained exam dates as well as the examination results for your child from the end of term exams, please do not hesitate to contact me as I'm sure that you understand that it is imperative that we work as a partnership to ensure that your child does well in school. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Bissoo: Good afternoon **Year 11**. Exam season is upon us! Please remember that ALL of year 11 are expected in for the RE revision session tomorrow from 9am-12noon. At this point I don't think it is about talking, telling or advising – it's all about revising. What you do today can improve all your tomorrows - so remember that every bit of revision counts. I have watched you all work so hard to get yourselves in the position to achieve the best results this academy has ever achieved and I firmly believe in each and every one of you. Remember to do your best and give 100%, leave no room for remorse or regret – I will be proud of you whatever the result! Remember that In order to succeed, we must first believe that we can. Believe and achieve..I dare you! Mr Bissoo

Mr Fenn: Good Afternoon **Year 12**. I hope you have all had a productive week revising during your new exam timetable. I have missed you this week! Our first AS exams have already started and next week sees the busiest week of exams, with most of you sitting at least one exam. I am pleased to report that attendance has been great this week. However, two lucky students have lost this privilege and now have the pleasure of being the first members of 12FEN. They will experience such benefits as AM,PM and even lunch tutor times with Mr Fenn. I hope this serves as a motivation to those of you already on a final warning. Best of luck revising and in your exams. Remember the following phrases during your revision: 'be prepared, not scared' and 'the early bird catches the morning worm'.

Miss Megaw: Good afternoon **Year 13**! It is now only **TWO weeks until the start of your exam timetable**!!!! Well done to **Ami, Lashantay and Robyn** in their Art exams this week- amazing creativity on show. We have now completed our UCAS choices and student finance should be handed in, and you should have completed your clearing list for those of you to which it applies. This means that as the end of term is fast approaching you need to utilise your LESSONS, REVISION SESSIONS and INDEPENDENT TIME for your exam/coursework preparation. This is the only way to get the results you need- your teachers will not be chasing you up! Well done to the SOTW this week; **Abdi, Mo, Iqra** and this week's DOL SOTW **Vincenzo**!



UPCOMING SPORTING FIXTURES



Date	Sport	Year Group	Opposition	Venue	Staff	Start
16.5.13	Athletics	7,8,9 and 10	London Track and Field Cup	Croydon Arena	Mr Jennings Miss Butts	8:30
18.5.13	Table Tennis	All	Sussex 2 Stars	Sussex	Mr Medellin	9:00
18.5.13	Football	7	Cup Final	Loftus Road	Mr Crawford	9:00
19.5.13	Football	9	Cup Final	Loftus Road	Mr King	9:00
19.5.13	Football	10	Cup Final	Loftus Road	Mr King	9:00

COATES' COMMENDATION

This week's commendation goes to the girls who helped out during parents' evening last night. Well done to Indiana Cole, Monice Diamond, Givvaunhna Henry Nangle, Rawi Dable, Ramla Liban Osman and Janelle Johnson for ensuring that all parents were well taken care of.

It's very nice to be able to call on students for help occasionally and to trust that they will give their all and behave responsibly. Well done for representing the academy in such a positive fashion.



WORD OF THE WEEK: VOLUPTUOUS

ADJECTIVE

an experience or object that gives you a lot of pleasure because it feels extremely soft and comfortable or it sounds or looks extremely beautiful. It also describes the soft, curved appearance, normally of a woman.

THIS WEEK'S THEME: UNITY

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

from John 17 20-26