



ACADEMY NEWS



AN **ark** SCHOOL www.burlingtondanes.org

05th September 2014

Principal's welcome message

Mr Ribton: It has been a real delight to welcome everyone back to Burlington Danes Academy and we especially welcome our Year 7s and new members of Year 12.

It has been a really positive start to the new year, particularly on the back of our most successful results at GCSE and A-level ever.

- 80% of our Year 11 GCSE students achieved 5 A*-C grades
- 100% of our Year 12 students achieved A* - E grades
- 58% of our Year 13 students passed at A* - B

We are so proud of Adekunle Awodele who will be going on to study at Cambridge University. Every one of our Year 13 students who applied for a place at University was offered a place and we wish them the best as the term begins.

We are hoping that our current Year 11 students



achieve 85% A*-C grades next year, so there is lots of work to do but I am confident in the ability of our pupils and staff to continue Burlington Danes' amazing progress as one of the best schools in London.

Record-breaking GCSE results

As mentioned above, our most recent cohort of GCSE students are celebrating yet another outstanding set of results, with a record-breaking 80% achieving A*-C in at least five subjects including English and maths. This makes us the first ARK transition school to break into the 80s. This year's results are once again significantly higher than the national average.

"Testimony to the hard work of governors, staff and pupils, the school continues to make a huge difference to the local White City community," said Mr Ribton.

High-performing student Cassandra Macrae, who picked up five A*s, five As and a B, said: "It's taken willpower, but the amazing thing that the school has done is that they've learnt how to support everyone for everyone's different needs.

"Teachers take out their own time to come to school to help students. That in itself really pushes people because they know it's much easier to achieve



good grades or great grades when everyone is behind you and everyone's pushing you." Despite offers from other schools, Cassandra has come back to attend BDA Sixth Form and hopes one day to be a writer.

Mr Ribton continued: "I am delighted with this year's GCSE results. The students' hard work and perseverance has really paid off. They have made incredible progress over the past years and I feel confident they will go on to make the most of their potential."

GCSE RESULTS DAY AT BDA



Top end achievement soars with BDA Sixth Form

BDA Sixth Form students have achieved perfection, breaking the school's previous A level results record with 100% of grades awarded at A*-E this year.

A massive 84% of exams were graded between A*-C, while an impressive 58% managed A*-B – well above current national averages.

Every student who applied for university secured a place, with 30% of applications accepted by top institutions including Cambridge, Manchester, Southampton and the London School of Economics.

"This is another fantastic set of results for the school. Hard work has paid off for these students and many are going off to the country's best universities," said Mr Ribton. "I am really excited to see what they achieve and wish them every success in the future."

Adekunle Awodele, who sat his exams aged just 17, is set to study architecture at Trinity College, Cambridge, having managed an A* in art and design, a B in maths and a B in RE.

Straight-A student Zwan Mahmud, who will study international relations and history at LSE, said: "At every point here at BDA they would say to us 'Are you willing to put the work in?' if you said yes, they would say 'Okay, then you're going to a good university.'"

Gianina Graham, another straight-A student, is heading for Warwick to study history. "It's a huge deal to go to university. It is achievable and I'm really happy about it. My ambition is to be a journalist or news broadcaster," she said.

A* philosophy wiz Jemma Smith, who also achieved As in history and English, will study English literature at Exeter.



"When I got to A levels that's when I realised that I had a shot at going to University. So I worked really hard and my family are really pleased with me," she said.

Last year's Director of Sixth Form Ms Megaw explained: "Our results show outstanding A level and vocational achievement with a huge increase in top end A*-B and A*-C achievement.

"These outstanding results enable our students to access fantastic opportunities in higher education at top end universities, and I am very proud of our student's achievements."

WHAT WE EXPECT: STUDENT RULES

SUPPORT AND HELP EACH OTHER

Working together to ensure that everyone connected with the academy is free from prejudice and bullying, including inappropriate and hurtful use of the internet/mobile technologies, reporting any abusive language, aggression, homophobic, racist or sexist comments

RESPECT YOUR TEACHERS AND OTHER ADULTS:

Always be courteous and well mannered

COMPLETE ALL THE WORK SET TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY

TAKE PRIDE IN ALL THAT YOU DO AND IN YOUR APPEARANCE

Observing the 'Corridor Code':

Walk quietly and quickly on the left
Wear your blazer
Show good manners

AIM TO BE THE BEST YOU CAN – BE AWARE OF YOUR PERSONAL TARGETS

ACT APPROPRIATELY IN ALL SITUATIONS INCLUDING OUTSIDE SCHOOL AND ON-LINE

NEVER BRING DANGEROUS ITEMS INTO THE ACADEMY, SUCH AS KNIVES, LIGHTERS, MATCHES OR IMITATION/ANY OTHER WEAPONS.

ENSURE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT/PHONES/EARPHONES ARE OUT OF SIGHT IN THE ACADEMY AND ARE SWITCHED OFF. IF SEEN OR HEARD THEY WILL BE



CONFISCATED AND RETURNED ONLY TO PARENTS

NOT ENGAGING IN SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS (SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PUPILS UNDER THE AGE OF 16 ARE AGAINST THE SEXUAL OFFENCES ACT 2003)

NEXT WEEK AT BDA

All Years in School. Full Timetable commences	
Monday 8.9.14	Y12/13 SLT Assembly in the Potter Theatre Y11 Year Assembly in the Main Hall Sixth Form Induction BBQ
Tuesday 10.9.14.	Y7/8 SLT Assembly in the Main Hall Y10 Year Assembly in the Potter Theatre 3:45: KS5 Oxbridge Project
Wednesday 11.9.14	Y11 Gg Field Trip Y9 SLT Assembly in the Main Hall Y12 Year Assembly in the Potter Theatre Y7 Year Assembly in the Sports Hall
Thursday 12.9.14	Y11 Gg Field Trip Y10 SLT Assembly in the Main Hall Y8 Year Assembly in the Sports Hall Y9 Girls: Literature Id Project
Friday 13.09.14	Y11 Gg Field Trip Y11 SLT Assembly in the Main Hall Y13 Year Assembly in the Potter Theatre Y9 Year Assembly in the Sports Hall

54321: A chance to get know a little bit about new Assistant Principal Mr Lima

5 people you'd like to have over for dinner:

- George Best
- Marvin Gaye
- Jesus Christ
- Gareth Edwards
- Dr Luther King for half of the night then James Bond (of course Mr Moore)

4 books and films you'll never forget:

- Gladiator
- Sports Gene
- To Kill a Mocking Bird
- Mississippi burning

3 foods you'd have for your last meal:

- Fillet steak
- Mum's Sunday roast (Lamb – Welsh lamb of course)
- Goulash (beef Slavic meal)

2 places you'd love to visit:

- South America, Cape Verde (grandfathers' origins)

1 day you'll never forget:

- Saving a Year 9 child from drowning



WORD OF THE WEEK *EROSION*



Noun

the process of eroding or being eroded by wind, water, or other natural agents."the problem of soil erosion"

the gradual destruction or diminution of something."the erosion of support for the party"

THIS WEEK'S THEME *CHANGE*



Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. Love your neighbour as yourself.

from Romans 13 8-14