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Better Together: A few words from Mr Ribton

A very happy new (school) year to you. What's your New Year's resolution?

I have been leading assemblies this week with Mr Wilson and although the theme of the week was 'change' there are some things, I guess, that never change. There are some rules that must never be broken; I am not going to repeat them all here but you can find them in the Student Planners. I hope that you will all challenge yourselves this year to do bigger and greater things.

Also, our expectations of you remain as high as ever, especially given the stunning GCSE, AS and A-level results the academy achieved this summer. Work hard this year and take pride in what you do. I am really excited about what we will achieve in summer 2015!



Finally, I have talked to all years of the importance of *community*. We are an amazing school that looks out for one another, takes care of each other and reports things that do not seem right: bullying, inappropriate behaviour on-line, hurtful comments, poor behaviour. Being in a community is about being bound by respect and being aware of others' needs is a vital life skill. Simply put, we are better together. Let's make 2014-5 the best year yet. Together.

Our annual open events at BDA

We are pleased to announce our annual open events at Burlington Danes Academy. These are a wonderful opportunity for prospective students and their parents to tour the school and see the outstanding teaching and learning on offer. We hope that you can join us.

Open evening for new admissions to Year 7:

Thursday 2nd October, 5:00pm – 7:30pm

Open mornings: Monday 6th – Friday 10th, 9:00am – 12:00 noon

Open evening for new admissions to Sixth Form:

Thursday 9th October, 5:00pm – 7:30pm



Strive to Succeed!

You may recall the events brought about by Virgin's Strive Challenge team at the academy last term. This was both an inspiring and character-building crusade organised by our very own Krista Cartlidge.

Sam Branson (founder of Big Change), Noah Deverex and Karl Lokko (a former Brixton gang leader) came into school and delivered an assembly to Key Stage 3 students about the Strive challenge that they were participating in over the summer to try and raise £750,000 towards the charity.



At the end of their visit, Ms Cartlidge was invited by the team to partake in the final leg of their fund-raising challenge, which saw her hike 180km from London to The Matterhorn mountain of Switzerland. The journey, which would normally take 9 days, was impressively completed in 7!



Ms Cartlidge said: "It was a gruelling and at times very dangerous, avoiding falling boulders, spending whole days freezing in the non-stop rain and trying to keep walking when my heels were horribly blistered and bleeding. This is what striving is all about - pushing both your body and your mind to the limit to achieve something worthwhile. It helped knowing that so many people at home were being so generous and sponsoring me to help raise money for such an important cause. I have raised over £1300 so far but more sponsorship is definitely welcome!"

This was undoubtedly a thrilling and rewarding experience for both Ms Cartlidge and the Strive Team, one we hope will serve as a catalyst to our very one Strive challenge. The response to the cause has been phenomenal and the team have been fascinated by Burlington Danes and its students. As such, Sam, Noah and Karl have expressed their interest in returning to the academy to share their stories of this life-changing experience.

We are extremely proud of Ms Cartlidge's efforts and welcome her back from such a tremendous and inspiring journey – Well done!



To sponsor Ms Cartlidge, please visit: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/KristaCartlidge>.

To see more of Ms Cartlidge's journey, please visit: <http://www.bigchangecharitabletrust.org/blistered-broken-krista-cartlidge-hiked-haute-route/>

To learn more about the Strive Challenge, please visit: <https://www.strivechallenge.com> and <http://www.bigchangecharitabletrust.org/about/>

A WARM WELCOME FROM OUR HEADS OF YEAR



Good afternoon Year 7. Well done for doing so well in your first full week at BDA. Secondary school is an incredibly important part of your life. What you achieve here will determine your future. Remember to think about the seeds that you plant now, and how they will change and grow in the future. Also remember that manners matter. I have had a number of teaching staff come and find me to let me know that year 7 students are greeting them in the corridor, or holding doors open for them – please keep this up, it creates such a fantastic first impression of you all. Lastly, make sure that you are working hard in lessons and that you are making the most of your time here at this 'Outstanding' school. Have a lovely weekend.

Ms Bridger, Director of Learning for Year 7

Welcome back year 8's. I very much hope it has been a productive summer in which you have remained physically active whilst at the same time intellectually challenged. My aim is for the year group to grow and mature as a community, whilst continuing to make exceptional progress across all areas of your academy life. Moving from year 7 into year 8 can always be a big step, however I feel that we are in a very strong position to build upon the successes of last year. As the new Director of Learning for year 8, it is my firm belief that we will achieve wonderful things over the next 4 years at Ark Burlington Danes Academy. Remember 'never lower your expectations to meet your performance. Raise your level of performance to meet your expectations.'

Mr Crawford, Director of Learning for Year 8



Good afternoon Year 9 and welcome back! It is so exciting to be starting the new academic with you and I am looking forward to all of the opportunities that this year will bring. I have been really impressed with your focus and effort in lessons around the academy this week and am confident you will continue to work hard. Remember, this year is a very important one. You will be making decisions about your GCSE options and which pathway you will be on in Year 10. At the end of this year, it will be decided whether you have made enough progress to graduate into Year 10. Please be aware that any student that underachieves or is poorly behaved will not graduate into Year 10. I hope this will not be the case for any students in our year group. Have a productive and restful weekend.

Ms Clements, Director of Learning for Year 9



Good afternoon. It has filled me with immense pride & pleasure to see that so many of our Year 10 students have returned to school driven by a determination to exceed expectations. As a year group we are now on an important journey towards GCSE success, building the foundation for all academic and career aspirations. This year students will be working in the subject areas they have chosen as options and already should be thinking about the future stages of their education and beyond. Independent work will be key for success, as well as not following the crowd but showing a sense of purpose and character, at all times embracing the ethos of school. These will be the key areas year 10 will focus and flourish within this term. I look forward to working with all of you towards the success of our young people and their growth as independent thinkers and compassionate citizens.

Mr Bissoo, Director of Learning for Year 11



Welcome back Year 11,

We do have a lot on our plates this year, intervention sessions, predictive grades, internal assessments, mock examinations and most important of all your GCSEs.

Well done to the early entry Mathematics group for awesome set of GCSE results: twelve grade A*, sixteen grade A and two grade B.

Ensure sure you are punctual to school next week and have an enjoyable weekend.

Ms Akingbule, Director of Learning for Year 11

Hello Year 12! Congratulations on what has been an excellent start to life in 6th form... The Induction week was a real success (Induction day, NCS Challenge & the Army Day) and your teachers have been impressed with your attitude to learning in the first week of classes.

As mentioned in my assembly, the key to success in 6th form is as easy as ABC (Attainment, Behaviour & Contribution). Attainment is excellent across the board (as evidenced by > 250 Green Tickets issued), and Behaviour on the whole is good (although students must respect the communal areas and pay consideration to the adjoining music department). Finally in terms of Contribution, it is my expectation that students take advantage of the fantastic opportunities we offer at BDA.

I hope you all have a restful weekend, and well done again on the excellent start.

Mr Goorah, Director of Learning for Year 12



Year 13, I feel privileged to be able to welcome you back as the most senior year group in the academy. The vast majority of you should feel incredibly proud of the grades you were awarded during the summer and I hope the many hours of work you undertook over the whole year were rewarded appropriately. Regardless of how you fared, remember that we are only half way through our respective courses, which gives us plenty of time to both consolidate and improve our grades.

Please remember, your workload from each subject is likely to increase dramatically as the term progresses. I cannot stress how important it is to make the completion of your personal statement your number one priority right now.

Mr Jennings, Director of Learning for Year 13

MUSIC TO OUR EARS!

Keeping in line with the 'outstanding' examination results the academy received before the start of term, Mr Clark was only too pleased to share some more glowing results that our students achieved for their practical music examinations. We congratulate the following students for their efforts:

Student	Year	Grade	Mark
Danyaal Ellis Khan	Year 8	Grade 1 Sax	Distinction
Felix Butcher	Year 8	Grade 1 Trumpet	Distinction
Omar Iqbal	Year 8	Grade 2 Trumpet	Distinction
Abesalom Mebrahtu	Year 9	Grade 2 Trumpet	Pass
Ines Folgore Lens	Year 9	Grade 1 Clarinet	Merit
Lucillo Burrell	Year 10	Grade 2 Sax	Merit
Zakaria Ellis Khan	Year 10	Grade 3 Trumpet	Merit
Yassin Seddik	Year 10	Grade 2 Sax	Distinction
Darnell Christie	Year 11	Grade 4 Sax	Merit
Johnley Videna	Year 11	Grade 1 Flute	Merit
Lewis Greenidge-Gayle	Year 11	Grade 3 Euphonium	Pass

CALLING ALL BUDDING MUSICIANS!

Whilst on the topic of music, do you fancy yourself a bit of a rock star? Or perhaps more of a classical composer? Whatever your preference, if you are interested in taking up an instrument, please contact Mr Bradbury in the Music Dept (DP09). We are especially looking for steel pan, cello, trumpet and saxophone players.

All levels of skill are welcome and lessons are a modest £40 per term.



SCIENCE CLUB

Fancy building a rocket? Or making crystal gardens? How about making a working piano from bananas or exploding some pumpkins for Hallowe'en?

Still interested?

Then join Beaker (*pictured*) and his team of wacky scientists on **Mondays** in **Room 119** from **3:45 - 4:45pm**.

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NEXT WEEK'S SPORTS FIXTURES

Date	Year Group	Sport	Location	Time
Monday 15 th Sept	Year 9 Boys	Rugby (Mr Jennings)	Bishop Ramsey School, Middlesex	16:15 Kick Off
Friday 19 th Sept	Year 7 Boys	Football (Mr French & Mr Lima)	Chelsea Academy, London	16:15 Kick Off
Friday 19 th Sept	Year 8 Boys	Football (Mr French & Mr Lima)	Chelsea Academy, London	16:15 Kick Off
Saturday 20 th Sept	Year 7 Boys	Football (Mr French & Mr Lima)	St Bonaventure School, London	(8am meet at PE office) 9:20 Kick Off
Saturday 20 th Sept	Year 8 Boys	Football (Mr French & Mr Lima)	St Bonaventure School, London	(8am meet at PE office) 9:20 Kick Off

NEXT WEEK AT BDA

Monday 15.09.14	Y11 Year Assembly led by AKE in the Main Hall Y12/13 SLT Assembly led by MRE in the Potter Theatre Y7 prep to 4.25
Tuesday 16.09.14	Teaching and Learning Briefing by Rachel Bedford Y7/8 SLT Assembly led by MRE in the Main Hall Y10 Year Assembly led by BIS in the Potter Theatre 3:45: KS5 Oxbridge Project (OHE) Y7 prep to 4.25
Wednesday 17.09.14	0750am Staff prayers in the Chapel Y9 SLT Assembly led by MRE in the Main Hall Y12 Year Assembly led by GOH in the Potter Theatre Y7 Year Assembly led by BRI in the Sports Hall Department Meetings Y7 prep to 4.25
Thursday 18.09.14	Y10 SLT Assembly led by MRE in the Main Hall Y8 Year Assembly led by CRA in the Sports Hall Twilight Training (4.00 – 6.00) in the Main Hall Y7 prep to 4.25
Friday 19.09.14	Y11 SLT Assembly led by MRE in the Main Hall Y13 Year Assembly led by JEN in the Potter Theatre Y9 Year Assembly led by CLE in the Sports Hall Faith on Friday

54321: A chance to get to know a little bit about new Key Stage 4 Secretary Ms Smith

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

- Enid Blyton
- The cast of Friends
- Sean Lock
- Rihanna
- The ghost of Reeva Steenkamp to ask what really happened with Oscar Pistorius

4 books and films you'll never forget:

- The Faraway Tree
- Harry Potter
- Horrible Bosses
- The Lovely Bones

3 foods you'd have for your last meal:

- Indian, from my favourite restaurant in Highbury
- My grandma's roast dinner
- Fish and chip chips with mushy peas

2 places you'd love to visit:

- An elephant sanctuary in India or Thailand
- Iceland to see the Northern Lights

1 day you'll never forget:

- Watching wild dolphins and whales in Madeira this summer



WORD OF THE WEEK DEVELOPMENT



Noun

The process of developing or being developed. A specified state of growth or advancement. An event constituting a new stage in a changing situation.

NEXT WEEK'S THEME LIGHT



For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

From John 3: 13-17