

Burlington Danes Academy Sixth Form's



# SIXTH SENSE

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## A FEW WORDS FROM NEW DIRECTOR OF SIXTH FORM, MS STONE

I am so delighted to be taking over the role of Director of Sixth Form. Working with the students as they prepare to leave BDA and move on to the next phase of their life whether on to university or the workplace is an exciting and inspiring challenge.

We currently have the largest cohort that we have ever had at BDA, over 200 students in Y12 and Y13, and as a result of this it is even more important that they conduct themselves impeccably at all times.

As students, you are fortunate to have teachers whose academic results are in the top 25% of the country and it is vital that you make the most of their expertise and gain from their experiences. You also have two dedicated Directors of Learning in Mr Jennings and Mr Goorah, these men will support you in every way that they can, but you need to make them proud in your actions and deeds.

As sixth formers you have privileges that the lower school do not have and it is vital that these are respected and appreciated so that we do not have to remove them. I look forward to working with you all this year, and celebrating the successes that come with hard work and commitment to your learning.



## SAVE THE DATE

We are pleased to announce our annual open evening at Burlington Danes Academy. This is 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 Sixth Form:**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 5:30pm – 7:30pm (with presentation at 6pm)



# ON THE FAST TRACK FOR RAILWAY CAREER



From the 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of July, our very own Ahmed Osman in Year 13 had the unique opportunity to learn about how technologies come together to create state-of-the-art, safe and efficient railway systems.

The course, which was held at the Birmingham Centre for Railway Research and Education at the University of Birmingham, was sponsored by the NSARE (National Skills Academy for Railway Engineering) and the LRF (Lloyd's Register Foundation).



This was a great opportunity for Ahmed to achieve hands-on experience in the industry he wishes to pursue a career in – Civil Engineering.

The 'Crashworthy Challenge' was an experience Ahmed spoke of in favourable terms. This involved building small-scaled trains in a way that were effectively designed to create minimal damage upon impact.

Aside from the practical side of the course, students were also given the opportunity to develop other life skills such as teamwork, communication, finance, problem solving, time management and presentation.



The students were also rewarded with a trip to a bowling alley and a film night. However, the highlight of the course, as mentioned by Ahmed was the formal dinner held at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Here, the students were given the opportunity to show-case their models and interact with industry specialists.

We, at the academy, are always striving to bring out the best of every student. As such, it is always a pleasure to read about the students of BDA leading by example outside of the academy. Well done Ahmed!

# FURTHER EDUCATION: FUN FACTS & TRIVIA

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We know the prospect of going to university can be a daunting one for anyone wishing to pursue further education. As such, we will be asking members of our staff over the coming weeks about their experiences, in order to dispel any pesky myths or rumours you often hear about.

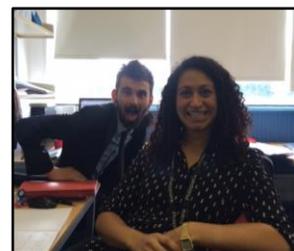
## Mr. Wilson



1. **Which university did you attend?** Western Carolina University, USA
  2. **What did you study?** Maths & Science (Joint Honours)
  3. **Is there any advice you wish you were given that wasn't available to you at the time of your application?** Always ask if there is a student discount – you'd be surprised how much you can save. If you haven't already, look into registering for an NUS card.
  4. **Best memory?** Being awarded the top student for Maths & Science achievement for my year group. I received a certified commendation and plaque.
  5. **Worst memory?** Missing my family. I was away for 3 years.
  6. **University can be very expensive – any tips on how to manage your finance?** I wish I knew how to cook before I got to university. I spent most of my disposable income on take-aways and dining out. I've learnt now that it is far more cost effective to prepare a home cooked meal.
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1. **Which university did you attend?** University of Leeds, UK
2. **What did you study?** Biology
3. **Is there any advice you wish you were given that wasn't available to you at the time of your application?** Fortunately I took this advice and it is that you MUST visit the universities of your choice before applying as you will be spending 3 or more years there.
4. **Best memory?** Massive parties in Vaughn House (Halls of Residence). I'm still friends with a lot of people from there until this day. Also, dressing up for the infamous "Otley Run" (pub crawl).
5. **Worst memory?** Waking up after my 21<sup>st</sup> birthday celebrations with toilet water from the bathroom above leaking onto my forehead ☹️
6. **University can be very expensive – any tips on how to manage your finance?** DO NOT take out cash on your credit card, and don't spend your student loan all at once!

## Ms. Ghoris



## Ms. Tanswell



1. **Which university did you attend?** University of Wales (Bangor), UK
  2. **What did you study?** English Literature
  3. **Is there any advice you wish you were given that wasn't available to you at the time of your application?** Don't go out and buy brand new text books! Surf local shops for second-hand material. Some older editions are perfectly suitable unless explicitly stated by your lecturer(s).
  4. **Best memory?** Graduating and getting my degree because I never thought I would. It was hard work – I was working full-time as well as studying full-time!
  5. **Worst memory?** When I was printing my dissertation, the ink ran out, and I had just two hours to print, bind and submit it! Also, giving my final presentation in front of all my lecturers was scary.
  6. **University can be very expensive – any tips on how to manage your finance?** Get yourself a part-time job!
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# DOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



## YEAR 12

“Good afternoon Year 12! Well done on another fantastic week at BDA... This week you achieved a MASSIVE 276 Green Tickets - a new record! Well done to Kideest & Autumn (students) & 12Ma (form) for attaining most GTs, and congratulations to Amy H (& Ms Hills) for winning the weekly GT raffle... Unfortunately 10 of you are in tonight's 2hr CCC for attendance/punctuality and poor independent learning...

Remember these are key skills you will need in later life! Finally please take advantage of the various enrichment opportunities available to you at BDA. Many were promoted in this weeks assembly but there are many more - see notice boards for further info! Have a great weekend. ”

**Mr Goorah, DOL for Year 12**

## YEAR 13

“Just a short message from me this week, the BDA UCAS online application process is now up and running. Please register your account as soon as possible using the buzzword “jennings2014”. Your workload is probably already increasing and it is unlikely to relent until the end of the year. Make the most of this (relatively) quiet time and get your application out of the way.

Remember the famous quote: “The early bird applies early through UCAS and gets the best offers for places at their first choice Universities and as a result of it goes on to have a long and prosperous career.”.....or something along those lines.”

**Mr Jennings, DOL for Year 13**



## Opportunities

### Opportunity Description:

### Application and venue details:

**School Leavers & Apprenticeship Careers Show**

A one-stop shop, providing your students with:  
FREE advice • FREE access to employers • FREE goodies

Years 12 and 13

**THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2014**

11AM-5PM | BUSINESS DESIGN CENTRE | ISLINGTON | LONDON

**TheatreCraft 2014** | Theatre Royal Haymarket Masterclass Trust

<http://www.accessprofessions.com/opportunities/theatre-royal-haymarket-masterclass-trust/theatrecraft-2014>

**Pathways to Law** (Careers information, Face-to-face mentoring, Multi-event programme)

<http://www.accessprofessions.com/opportunities/pure-potential/pathways-to-law>

**QS Top University Fair** - a fantastic opportunity to meet face-to-face with admissions directors from the world's top universities

The Lancaster London Hotel, W2 2TY (nearest tube station is Lancaster Gate), from 1.30pm until 6pm on October 5th  
Students interested in attending the fair must register online:[www.topuniversities.com/loud](http://www.topuniversities.com/loud)

**Lloyds Scholars Autumn School:**

Careers in the City @ University College London  
A programme designed for Year 12 students considering a career in finance!

<http://www.accessprofessions.com/opportunities/university-college-london/lloyds-scholars-autumn-school-careers-in-the-city>

**Work experience :**

Clinical and hospital opportunities - Grab these whilst you can!!!!

<http://www.accessprofessions.com/opportunities/ap-1/hospital-work-experience>  
<http://www.accessprofessions.com/opportunities/ap-1/clinical-work-experience>

**Pre-University Industrial Placement**

A year of career building experience within the engineering industry, this involves working in a number of environments from manufacturing, to design and development.

<http://www.accessprofessions.com/opportunities/ap-1/pre-university-industrial-placement>