Mr M Ribton: Nelson Mandela wanted to make his country, South Africa, a symbol of reconciliation. He went from being a political prisoner in the apartheid state of South Africa to President after its political revolution. Even though he and his fellow black Africans suffered, he was passionate about including the white demographic in the new government of South Africa after apartheid. This October we discover the man who has become widely recognised as one of the great world leaders of all time.

October is Black History Month and there will be loads going on at Burlington Danes. Tutor group reflections in the morning will be thinking about Nelson Mandela and his inspirational life. The library is planning to have a display as well. Some lesson starters are also tying in to the theme, ‘A life, an Inspiration’. Mr Adcock will be screening a range of relevant movies in the relaunched Film Club and during the month there will be quizzes, individual and tutor group competitions and special assemblies with great rewards and prizes. The Today PowerPoint will have all the details! Two dates for your diaries are the 25th: the International Gala Evening (with a food tasting session of foods from around the world) and the 26th when, for a £2 fee students are allowed to wear the colours of their national flag.

Update from Student Voice: Form Captains Wanted!

Mr Adcock: Student Voice is vital to Burlington Danes: it provides a link between students and staff, allowing pupils to have a say in the running of the school. In July we selected our Year 11 team of prefects and this week Daniel Ayane and Yasmin Ali were appointed Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl. Students in Years 7-10 are now invited to stand as form captains: speak to your tutor. Our Year 12 team of student leaders will be announced next week.

Important reminder: Next Thursday is a half day with students dismissed at lunch. This is followed by an INSET day (no students in school) on Friday 5th October.

Key dates this half term. Stay in touch on twitter: @burlingtondanes

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Mr Preston introduces this week’s brain teasers...

1. Whose apology has become a hit on the internet?
2. Whose first novel for adults has been published this week?
3. Which government office is held by Andrew Mitchell?
4. Which film has been chosen for this year’s Royal Film Performance?
5. Who is the captain of the European Ryder Cup team?

Last week’s questions and answers: Which small island nation was visited by Duke & Duchess of Cambridge on the final leg of their tour? Tuvalu When is the new exam replacing the GCSE to be introduced? 2015 Whose daughter has been called Theodora? Robbie Williams Which animal is at risk from the extreme sport of snow-kiting? reindeer Who has been named for the nineteenth year in a row as the richest person in the world? Bill Gates

Head of Humanities Ms Stone is the first teacher to invite a colleague to dinner!

5 people you would love to have round for dinner:
- My gran and grandfather who died when I was young, I have so many questions I want to ask them.
- Victoria Pendleton so she could tell me all about the Olympics and being a professional cyclist.
- Bruce Parry as he would have lots of great travelling stories from living with tribes.
- Adam Duritz the lead singer of Counting Crows for after dinner entertainment.
- Mrs Bedford so she could help me cook food people might actually want to eat!

4 books and films you will never forget
- The Power of One by Bryce Courtenay about life in apartheid South Africa from a child’s perspective. The first book to truly make me cry.
- Cool Runnings, who doesn’t love that film “Kiss my lucky egg”
- A Suitable Boy by Vikram Seth, the longest book ever written in one volume (1400 pages of small type), amazing descriptions of life in India.
- The Wizard of Oz, it was the first video I ever owned.

3 foods you would have for your last meal
- Grilled, peppered mackerel and salad.
- An amazing vegetable curry.
- Lemon cheesecake.

2 countries you would love to visit
- Nepal to go trekking in the Himalayas
- Papua New Guinea to hike the Kokoda Trail

1 day you will always remember
- When working out in Kazakhstan I was fortunate enough to fly in a Soviet helicopter over the border into Kyrgyzstan and the view over the Tien Shan mountains and glaciers was and is still one of the highlights of my life, I am desperate to have another go in a helicopter, it was incredible.
Ms Clements - Year 7: Good afternoon Year 7. This week has been very busy and I have been impressed by the number of Year 7s I have spotted around the academy taking part in extracurricular activities. It is fantastic to see so many of you making the most of these opportunities. Please can I remind you that it is an expectation that you are always equipped for learning with your planner and your pencil case; students who forget these fundamental items will be placed in same day detention. Have a restful weekend.

Ms Quinton - Yr8: Good afternoon Year 8, It is just three weeks to go till the close of the Class Commendation Race and to the Merit Rank Order. Keep working hard in lessons to ensure that you and your class have the chance to enjoy the Pizza Party as well as the Y8 Sleep-over in the Stanley Fink Hotel. Merits and Commendations make all the difference! Well done to 8A and 8R who have had particularly good weeks. The new Merit Rank Order is now up on display on the Y8 board so you can check out your progress. Have a great weekend.

Ms Akingbule - Yr9: I hope you have had a pleasant week and are now conversant with the school’s routines. My ultimate wish is for no Yr9 students in afternoon detentions for not completing set homework on time. Homework reinforces what you have learnt in the class room; aim to complete and submit each piece on time. The following students were nominated as students of the week Johnley Videna (9B), Eman Rais (9U), Samrawit Elias (9R), Fadumo Mahad Alii(9L), Omar Maye (9D), Aaron Sylvan (9A), and Ashley John-Prince (9N). Well done to my star of the week- MaeveUlaynam-9U.

Mr Stephenson - Yr10: The feedback about your attitude and evolving maturity is continuing to make the rounds in Burlington Danes Academy. Please keep it up and remain positive. Some classes will be challenging as will some of the topics, but it is important as well as character building that you meet these challenges with an earnest desire to succeed, and succeed you will! Parents, please ensure that you are checking uniform, equipment and planners on a daily basis, an increased monitoring of your child’s school life will ensure that they themselves will become more autonomous about their academia.

Mr Bissoo - Yr11: Just over 4 weeks to go and the majority of you have been excellent in your dedication and application this term. However we have to work as school community to ensure that bad habits do not begin to return, lateness, poor uniform and lack of focus in class are all the enemies of success so please ensure you are working hard every day to be the best you can be. Student of the week is Paul Ozokolile 11R who has amassed a whopping 24 merits since last Monday!! You are a model example for us all!! In just over 4 weeks we will be off on our exciting trip to PGL – please ensure your reply slips are in – places are running out fast! Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Fenn - Yr12: Hello Year 12. I had the pleasure of viewing some of your lesson this week. I was amazed with the quality of what I witnessed. Lacy and Charlene were fantastic in Spanish, each leading a different part of the lesson. In Maths, Suad helped explain how to break down extremely complex equations. You are soon to receive your predictive grades based on your recent induction tasks. Please consider what you need to do to improve. Finally, eat healthily this weekend. Unfortunately, you all saw what happened to me! Thank you to Lilya for enjoying the assembly so much!

Ms Megaw - Yr13: Good afternoon year 13. It’s great to hear so many positive discussions this week about your future hopes and aspirations. If you are one of the few students still yet to register with UCAS please do this over the weekend, and ensure you have allocated significant time to your personal statement drafts at this critical time of year. Well done to Ms Stone and 13NE for being so proactive and efficient with this! Congratulations to this week’s SOTW; Chris, Sahra, and the DOL SOTW Abdullahi.
Manga Club!
• Every Wednesday
• 3:30 – 4:30 PM
• READ MANGA, DRAW MANGA, CHATMANGA, EATMANGA!
• PLEASE SEE MRS CASTLE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SIGNING UP

Book-watch club
Where?: In the library
When?: Every Thursday 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Read the book...watch the film!
Please see Mrs Castle if you would like to come along.

Sixth Form Open Evening
Mr Jerred: We are incredibly proud of our Sixth Form and we would like to invite students in Yr 11 – at BDA and beyond – to see it for themselves on Thursday 11th October. There is a prize for the BDA student who brings the most guests from other schools!

Spellings and definitions: ART

Abstract - A piece of Art that has been changed so that it does not look like the thing that it shows or represents.

Composition - The arrangement of lines, shapes and colours within an artwork.

Conceptual - An adjective for art that is more about ideas than an images or sculptures.

Contemporary - A word to describe Art from the current day.

Colour - Is a word with one ‘u’ in it, and no ‘e’!!!!

Expressive - An adjective for describing work that reveals emotion or feeling.

Movement - A group of artists who work in a particular style, for example, Cubism.

Pattern - Any repeating shape, image or mark.

Painting - The process of making Art with paint, such as watercolours.

Stencilling - The technique of creating tone by painting and especially drawing with lots of small lines or dots.

Texture - Is the way an image or object feels, or looks like it would feel.

Design - The plan or process of creating an object of artwork.

Coiling - A technique in ceramics for building up a larger piece of work by adding coils of clay one-by-one.

Stippling - The technique of building up larger areas of tone with lots of small lines or dots.
BDA Sixth Form boys suffer in Surrey

Fixture: BDA Sixth Form Boys Football v Glyn School (Surrey)
Result: Glyn School 10 – 0 Burlington Danes Academy
Coach's player of the match: Melad Sediqi

Match Report written by Ahmed Abubaker (midfielder): Monday Lunchtime saw the new look BDA Sixth Form team compete in their first away game of the season. This proved to be a baptism of fire in the National Youth Cup playing last year’s final 16 contenders. Unfortunately the 6th formers could only hold out an 10-0 loss to this well drilled talented team. Yet the courage shown in the second half proved the fighting spirit Burlington Danes students have within them. Hope remains strong that we can reverse this score in the next home match and restore their pride in the league. C’MON BDA!

PE Department Fixtures Week Beginning 1.10.12

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BDA reporters cover key conference
Students from Burlington Danes starred in a major teaching conference last weekend on the south bank. Teach First – which places graduates from top universities to teach in challenging schools – celebrated its tenth birthday with a jamboree at the Royal Festival Hall, and students from Burlington Danes reported on the day for BBC News. You can watch their video here: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/schoolreport/19704065](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schoolreport/19704065)

Your invitation to PTA Forum: Wednesday 17th October

Mr T Prout: The Parent Teacher association is pleased to announce the launch of BDA’s very first parents’ forum. An opportunity for parents to ask question directly to members of staff. This forum will take the format of ‘question time’ with parents invited to ask any school related question they want.

The first parents’ forum will take place on Wednesday the 17th October from 6.30 to 7.30 pm. The first staff on the panel will be;

Ms Coates  Principal
Mr Maeers  Finance director
Ms Aitken  Head of KS3
Mr Magezi  Associate Assistant Principal

We invite all parents to attend this valuable opportunity for parent / school communication.
Coates’ Commendation

It’s a privilege to be able to report yet another act of honesty and good will from students at BDA. This time my praise goes to Alex (11D) and Abdurrahman (10B) who handed in £5 that they found in the technology corridor.

It would have been so easy for the boys to slip the crisp note into a pocket and treat themselves to some fast food after school, so I’m very proud that instead Alex and Abdurrahman did the right thing. A great example to us all.

Update on instrumental lessons

Mr T Prout: The instrumental scheme is currently full. If you are a parent who has completed a form for your child to have an instrumental lesson in school and they currently do not have a lesson, they are on a waiting list and as soon as there is a space you will be notified.

However there are still a few spaces on the following instruments: Steel Pans; Violin; Flute; Clarinet.

If you would like your child to receive a lesson on those instruments please ask your child to get an application form from the music department.

This week’s diary

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| Tuesday 02.09.12 | Y12/13 SLT Assembly led by DOW (Potter Theatre) |
|                  | Y10 Year Assembly led by STE (Main Hall) |
|                  | Y8 Year Assembly led by QUI (Sports Hall) |

| Wednesday 03.09.12 | Y7 SLT Assembly led by DOW (Main Hall) |
|                    | Y11 Year Assembly led by BIS (Potter Theatre) |
|                    | Y9 Year Assembly led by AKE (Sports Hall) |

| Thursday 04.09.12 | Y8/9 SLT Assembly led by DOW (Main Hall) |
|                  | Y12 Year Assembly led by FEN (Potter Theatre) |
|                  | Students leave at lunchtime |
|                  | Open Evening 5-7.30pm |

| Friday 05.09.12  | BDA Training Day: no students in school |

Weekly scripture based on PEACE

Mark 9: “Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.” “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us.

Word of the week: Insipid

Adjective: Not having a strong taste or character, or having no interest or energy.

e.g. ‘French onion soup can be a fine dish, but this particular effort was insipid.’

Synonyms: Dull, uninteresting, bland.