

# Academy News



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2012

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## BDA stars dazzle in Henry V

**Mr Ribton:** Once again the Burlington Danes Shakespeare Schools Festival contribution – this year the stirring 'Henry V' - triumphed at the Riverside Studios in front of a packed audience.

The festival is the largest youth drama festival in the UK with over 700 schools taking part. There is no doubt that this production – superbly directed by Mr. Rowland – Roberts – was amongst the very best this year.

It would be unfair to pick out individual students as the whole cast shone so brightly; the enchantment and emotionally charged nature of this play – written in 1599 but still relevant to us today - tells the story of King Henry V of England, focusing on events immediately before and after the Battle of Agincourt (1415) during the Hundred Years' War.

That said, Rahsaan, Yr 13, gave a brilliant central performance as the King, Dylan Arango 8U was assaulted by a leek, Alabama Knut 8B played Katherine to perfection and Fred Gill was excellent as the French King. Dion was a messenger and stepped in at the last moment: you would not have guessed it, he was excellent. A stunning team effort.

It was so good that we are putting it on again, free of charge, on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November straight after school. Come along!



## World News: Obama Rejoices as Romney Rues the Day



Election fever has been pulsing through the walls of BDA this week as the race to the White House reached an enthralling conclusion. With many-a-passionate classroom debate and corridor discussion, it is fair to say that American politics have been firmly in our thoughts.

Barack Obama, the Democratic party representative and first black President of the U.S, faced stiff opposition from Republican candidate Mitt Romney, a successful businessman trying his hand on the world stage. With over 2 Billion pounds spent on their campaigns, Mr. Obama came through with 303 electoral votes to Mr. Romney's 206.

The President has assured the world that "for the United States of America, the best is yet to come".

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

**Thursday 15th November:**

**Monday 19th November:**

**Friday 30th November:**

Yr12/13 Parents' Evening

Speech Evening

Staff training day, no students in school



# First Impressions



↙ Mr Preston introduces this week's brain teasers... ↘

1. Where did Prince Charles speak to a crowd in Pidgin English?
2. Why has conservative MP Nadine Dorries been suspended by her party?
3. Which species of tree is infected by dieback disease?
4. Who has written a book on planning parties called 'Celebrate'?
5. Which band won the Mercury Prize for the best album?



**Last week's questions and answers:** Who is the new government Chief Whip? **Sir George Young**  
 Which character is played by Ben Wishaw in the Bond film 'Sky Fall'? **Q** Which Dickens book has been turned into a new film starring Helena Bonham-Carter as Ms Havisham? **Great Expectations** Which fictional five year old twins are to become TV characters for the first time? **Topsy and Tim** Which race horse has now retired having won all of his 14 races? **Frankel**



## Five Four Three Two One

**Head of Year 12, Mr Fenn, invites an array of diverse talent from ages past and present to discuss film, literature and the mysteries of space- over a plate of BBQ ribs...**

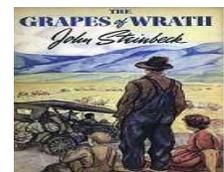
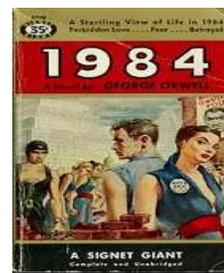
### 5 people you would love to have round for dinner:

- ❖ Stephen Fry – I would try to outsmart the man by preparing a series of challenging questions.
- ❖ Brian Cox as the man is makes science so interesting and I love space, hence my terrible tattoos.
- ❖ John Steinbeck if he was still alive I would love to talk to him about literature.
- ❖ Quentin Tarrantino so we could talk about films as this is an obsession of mine.
- ❖ Steve McClaren needs to be told how to manage the English football team!



### 4books and films you will never forget:

- ❖ The Grapes of Wrath – My favorite book!
- ❖ 1984 – The book the ignited my passion for reading.
- ❖ Avatar – I watched it 9 times in the first week I owned it. I can also speak very basic Na'vi, which is the language used in Avatar. Some would mock me for this.
- ❖ Top Gun



### 3 foods you would have for your last meal

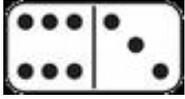
- ❖ Barbecue ribs
- ❖ Chips
- ❖ Something fudge-based for desert

### 2 countries you would love to visit.

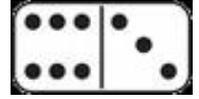
- ❖ Peru to hike the Inca Trail. I love travelling and this would be a great way to spend a holiday.
- ❖ India – My partner's family are Indian and it looks like an amazingly crazy place!

### 1 day you will always remember

- ❖ This is a tough one. I would say the day I first ever got a hole in one at golf. 'It was one of the greatest shots I have ever seen', said members of the group I was playing with. That display of skill or the day Miss Downey phoned me and offered me the job at BDA.



# BDA through the years



**Ms Clements – Year 7:** Good Afternoon Year 7 and what an exciting day it has been. The new rank order has been published and you will now know the tutor group you will be in from Monday morning. As I have already mentioned, please take note of the colours on the rank order; the colours are the most important part as they indicate whether or not you are making enough progress to achieve your target grades. A special congratulations to Jayden Brown who has made the biggest leap up the rank order to join 7U. Enjoy your weekend and I'm looking forward to your first week in your new tutor groups.

**Ms Quinton – Yr8:** Good afternoon Year 8 and welcome back. I hope that you have had a brilliant half term week and are ready for new topics and new learning this term. Both the Class Commendation Race and Merit Race begin again this week and weekly results will be displayed on the Y8 notice board. Make sure that you work hard this term in order to be eligible for the Pizza Party and the cinema trip. Have a good weekend.

**Ms Akingbule – Yr9:** Good afternoon year nine, I hope you had a relaxing half term break. Go into every lesson prepared to learn, one second of drifting away could jeopardise the understanding of key aspects of the curriculum. Keep an eye on those target levels; attend necessary intervention sessions as they could help bridge gaps in your knowledge and always complete set homework on time. Continue to familiarise yourselves with the school rules regarding your uniform and appearance, you will have no excuse for flouting them. Well done to my star of the week-Mourlen Green (9A). You have seventeen weeks left before your SATs.

**Mr Stephenson – Yr10:** Good Afternoon Year 10. Focus, Focus, Focus is the mantra that needs to be instilled for the next 6 weeks. This term will come to a finish quickly and at the end of it will be and end of year term exam. is a very important exam and you will only succeed if you are doing the right things in lessons. On that note, I must give a well deserved applause to Feron, who has achieved some wonderful results. There will be a trip to Cambridge University in the near future and this will be opened up to ten tutees within the year group, however this will be done by letter of application only so if you are serious about attending, you need to get your letter of application to me early. And remember focus, focus, focus.

**Mr Bissoo – Yr11:** Good afternoon year 11; 'Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude'. It's been a really important week for us all, especially those sitting their maths GCSE exams and the quote above is fitting for many yr11 students who attended intervention sessions during the holidays and many of you that still do so after school to ensure that you fulfil your true potential academically, I am so proud of you. I have to give a *special mention* to students such as Kayleigh F, Fleur C, Amir Sahel and Ellie M D who have really put in an effort, despite obstacles, to try and start this term in the correct manner – it's not easy taking the right path but I assure you that your efforts do not go unrecognised. Yr11 I believe in you all, well done and keep up the great work & effort! Let's keep up the momentum and continue being the BEST year group in BDA! Have a wonderful weekend.

**Mr Fenn – Yr12:** Good afternoon year 13! We have had some great successes over half term; such as Ronnie, Mo, Sultan and Hannan's completion of their Olswang Placement, the theatre performance on Wednesday with many of our year group contributing to its outstanding success (especially Rahsaan as lead), and the amazing UCAS offers flooding in for the Newcastle tutor group! Make sure you have arranged your meeting for your UCAS applications, and that those taking the Apprenticeship route have returned your trip forms for the Skills Day. Don't forget parents evening is on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of November, 100% attendance!

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# Sports Report



## BDA Ping-Pongers Impress in 1<sup>st</sup> Leg of National Junior League

**Mr Henry Medellin:** Our table tennis team played last weekend in the first leg of the National Junior league at Capital City Academy and achieved the following results.

### Division 1

First Match: Burlington Danes team A Beat capital city academy A 8-1

Second Match: Burlington Danes Academy team A Beat Ernest Bevin college A 9-0

### Division 2.

First Match: Burlington Danes B beat Burlington Danes C 6-3

Second Match: Burlington Danes B beat Capital city B 9-0

Burlington Danes C beat Bushy academy 7-2

**Division 3:** First match: Burlington Danes D beat Twickenham D 6-3

Second Match: Burlington Danes D beat Capital City C 6-3



**ROLLOVER PRIZE! EXTENDED DEADLINE!**

## MATHS CHALLENGE!!



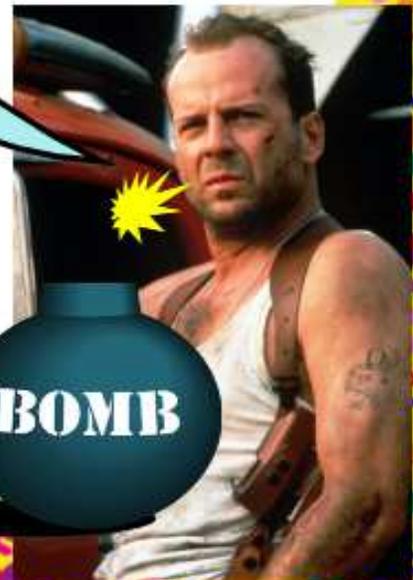
Mr G!!! I need exactly 4 litres of water  
A.S.A.P. to defuse this bomb!!

NO MORE. NO LESS.  
Only problem...I've only got one 5L and  
one 3L jug! SORT IT OUT WILL YOU!!



Can you solve the puzzle and  
help Mr. G and Bruce Willis  
defuse the bomb??

Answers to the Maths Dept. by  
Friday 16th November!





# Notice Board

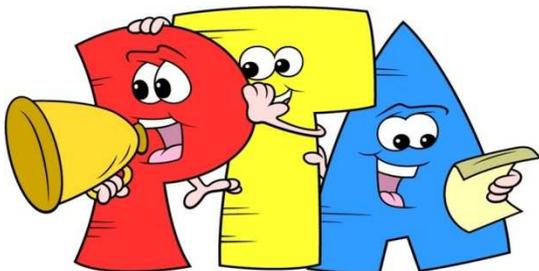


## Lunch menu for next week

Monday Soup of the Day Carrot and coriander	Tuesday Soup of the Day Tomato and basil	Wednesday Soup of the Day minestrone	Thursday Soup of the Day Chicken and mushroom	Friday Soup of the Day Peas and lemon
Cottage pie	Chicken balti served with poppadoms	Beef Pasta Bake	Jerk Chicken with Plantain	Fish and chips
Vegetarian cottage pie	Teriyaki stir fried vegetable	Cauliflower and Broccoli Cheese	Roasted vegetable with a polenta cake	Roasted Vegetable Quiche
Served with minted new potatoes and seasonal vegetable	Basmati Rice	Parsley New Potatoes	Seasoned Rice & peas	Chunky Chips/Jacket Potato
Jacket Potatoes with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a Selection of Fillings
Pasta Selection	Pasta Selection	Pasta Selection	Pasta Selection	Pasta Selection
Freshly Filled Rolls and Sandwiches	Freshly Filled Rolls and Sandwiches	Freshly Filled Rolls and Sandwiches	Freshly Filled Rolls and Sandwiches	Freshly Filled Rolls and Sandwiches
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Dessert of the Day Lemon Iced Sponge Served with Custard	Dessert of the Day Bake well pear Tart	Dessert of the Day Apple pie served with Custard Sauce	Dessert of the Day Chocolate Sponge served with Chocolate Sauce	Dessert of the Day Chefs selection

### PTA meeting: 14th Nov

**Mr T Prout:** All parents are warmly invited to our next PTA meeting, which will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 in the library. This is a great opportunity to discuss school issues and meet other parents and teachers. The meeting will finish at 7.30.



### BDA Reading Premier League

Get ready for the Weekend's football with the BDA Library's Reading Premier League

- All Key Stage Three Students welcome
- Every Thursday in the Library
- 3.40-4.30pm





# Last Words



## Coates' Commendation

This week's commendation is in recognition of the fantastic contributions made by a number of students involved in Wednesday's performance of Henry V. The whole cast were outstanding and I would like to congratulate Dion in Year 7 who stepped in at the last moment and nearly stole the show!

I would also like to thank the student leaders who joined me this morning as the school fell silent to pay our respects for those lost in war. I hope people take the chance to do this again on Remembrance Sunday.

## Remembrance Day Poem

BDA paused at 11am this morning to remember soldiers who died fighting for their country. This poem, by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.



We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

## THIS WEEK'S DIARY

<b>Monday</b> 12.11.12	6 <sup>th</sup> Form RE Day BDA Holy Communion Lawyers In Schools Home Truths Homelessness Debatemate Launch event Henry V (4.15pm) Potter Theatre
<b>Tuesday</b> 13.11.12	Y12/13 SLT Assembly (Potter Theatre) Y10 Year Assembly (Main Hall) Y8 Year Assembly (Sports Hall) Y8 Shakespeare Tempest workshop P1 to P4
<b>Wednesday</b> 14.11.12	Y7 SLT Assembly (Main Hall) Y11 Year Assembly (Potter Theatre) Y9 Year Assembly (Sports Hall)
<b>Thursday</b> 15.11.12	Y8/9 SLT Assembly (Main Hall) Y12 Year Assembly (Potter Theatre) Y8 Girls HPV2 Injections Y12/Y13 Parents' Evening
<b>Friday</b> 16.11.12	Y10/11 SLT Assembly (Main Hall) Y13 Year Assembly (Potter Theatre) Y7 Year Assembly (Sports Hall)

Weekly scripture based on weekly  
theme: **FOLLOW**

**From Mark 1 14-20:** Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

## Word of the week: Fervent

**Adjective:** Fervent describes beliefs that are strongly and sincerely felt or people who have strong and sincere beliefs.

**e.g.** "Ms Coates is a fervent advocate of using assessment to measure progress."

**Synonyms:** Passionate, earnest, heartfelt.