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Cambridge 12 - Oxford 6

Eighteen students from BHASVIC (Brighton Hove and Sussex Sixth Form College) have been offered places at the universities of Oxford or Cambridge in this year's round of applications.

Twelve students were offered places at Cambridge: Ellie Chan former pupil of Dorothy Stringer; Hannah Cowan former pupil of Blatchington Mill; Rosa Friend former pupil of Lewes Priory; Grace Geilinger former pupil of Dorothy Stringer; Zach Kenton former pupil of Hove Park; Holly Maguire former pupil of Dorothy Stringer; Ben Mortimer former pupil of Dorothy Stringer; Tom Proctor former pupil of St Pauls; Bonnie Richardson former pupil of Longhill; Emilija Talijan former pupil of Downlands; Michael Walker pupil former of

Lewes Priory; Lucy Watson former pupil of Dorothy Stringer.

Six students were offered places at Oxford: Hannah Buxton former pupil of Davison High; Isabelle Crossley former pupil of Brighton Hove High; Jake Fletcher former pupil of Seaford Head; Rui Han former pupil of Zhixin High school, China; Alice Robertson former pupil of Lewes Old Grammar; Chloe Tomlinson former pupil of Dorothy Stringer.

"Our students have done outstandingly well and made really effective use of the full support offered by their teachers and I congratulate them all" said College Principal, Chris Thomson.

BHASVIC teacher is Sussex Sports Coach of the Year



BHASVIC staff are recognised for bringing their expertise beyond the College into College life, one such member of our staffing team is Anthony Rogers. As well as being Head of Geography, Travel and Tourism Anthony is a cycle coach and each year organises cycle activities for both staff and students. Outside of BHASVIC Anthony is the lead coach for Preston Park Youth Cycle Club [PPYCC], a community sports club with the government's quality accreditation for sports clubs 'Club Mark.' PPYCC aims its activities at 8 to

18 year olds though is open to anyone to join. It is with great excitement that in their tenth year PPYCC won Brighton and Hove Sports Club of the Year at the Brighton and Hove Sports Awards. In a similar vein at the Sussex Sports Awards Anthony was pleased to be the recipient of the Sussex Sports Coach of the Year award making the tenth year a very special occasion. These awards are in recognition of the work Anthony and the other volunteers at PPYCC do in extending healthy and fun cycling activities to the local community.

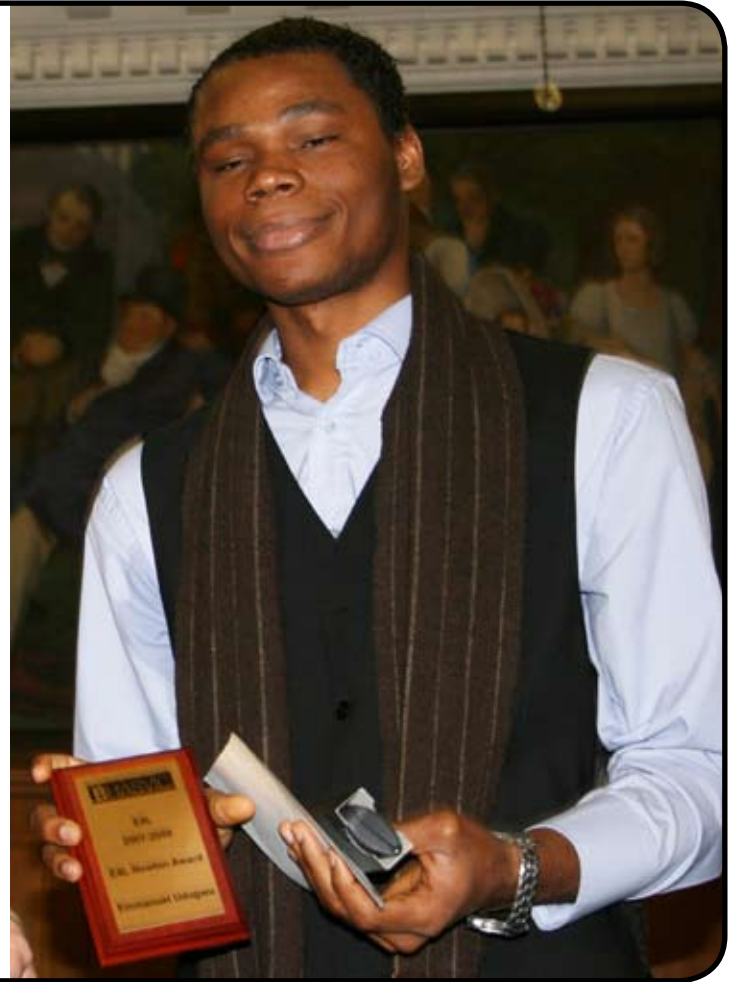
BHASVIC joins Brighton Photo Biennial Project

BHASVIC teacher, Polly Arnett has spent this year focusing on developing opportunities for Visual Arts students to attend workshops and visit exhibitions to promote E4L (education for life) experiences. Visual Arts students took part in varied workshops as part of the Brighton Biennial Project – click [here](#) to see more.

Also a great source of inspiration for course work for students this year was the Fabrica arts centre workshops - based on the exhibitions of documentary war photography. Head of Department Paul Penketh said: 'I am so delighted with BHASVIC's high profile feature on the Brighton Photo Biennial web site and proud of Polly and the students enthusiastic involvement in this initiative – they have already asked Polly if we can be involved in the next round of work of this nature.'

Education for Life (E4L)

Education for Life (E4L) at BHASVIC celebrates outstanding student achievements within our core purpose of encouraging Consideration of Self and Others. At the College's Awards evening on 18th December there were a number of awards made under the categories of Educational Achievement, Consideration of Oneself, Consideration of Others and Service to the College. The Awards evening also recognised all students who received Congratulation Certificates throughout the 2007-08 academic year, and all those students who distinguished themselves by being nominated for an E4L award. Emmanuel Udogwu (on the right) was presented with the E4L Newton Award. Also in September 2008 Emmanuel received the prestigious Helena Kennedy Foundation Award at the House of Lords and is now studying Psychology at UCL University.



Can you help with Work Experience Placements?

At BHASVIC we are keen to offer our students the opportunity to gain work experience. Work experience placements can benefit both the business and student in a number of ways, including;

For the business:

- Developing links with the College can help attract school leavers and reduce recruitment costs
- Developing the line management skills and motivation of your staff through supervising the student (companies participating in education-business link activities have found that such activities raise the motivation levels of their staff)
- Benefiting from the skills of motivated students who are willing and eager
- Raising your profile with BHASVIC staff, students and parents

- Adding influence to the quality of future employees

For the student:

- Developing and practising a new range of skills
- Helping them to make informed decisions about their future
- Adding value to university or job applications
- Developing a realistic idea of the rewards and demands of work

However, it can be difficult to find suitable work experience placements. We'd be really keen to hear from any parent who may know of any business who might be interested in offering a work experience placement, either on a regular on-going basis or as part of our Enrichment Week (13th-16th July). Please contact Victoria Raynard (Work Experience Co-ordinator) on 01273 552200 (ext.350/ext.230) or email [Victoria](#) for further information by clicking [here](#).



Sweeney Todd

The Colleges' production of 'Sweeney Todd – the Demon Barber of Fleet Street' which took place between the 10th and 12th February marked the first performance of Stephen Sondheim's musical in the specially adapted school edition by any College or School in the South East of England.

The plot revolved around Sweeney Todd who after hard years in exile for a crime he didn't commit returns to London and opens a barber shop above Mrs Lovett's Meat Pie Shop, where she sells the city's worst pies. With her help, Todd means to rid London of the corrupt aristocracy and hopes to be reunited with his daughter Johanna.

The production was the biggest ever staged at BHASVIC involving close to 50 students in the cast and orchestra.

The performances were against the backdrop

of a professionally hired in set.

Prior to the performance the College Hall was turned into Victorian London for the audience to mingle with some Victorian street traders and an assortment of reputable (and some disreputable) characters. Michael James, Head of Performing Arts:

"Featuring Sondheim's musical masterpieces, BHASVIC's production of Sweeney Todd has included a last night special performance with ladies and gentlemen attending in Victorian finery! (top hats and waistcoats for the gentlemen, bonnets and bustles for the ladies). The show starred College students Mark Gandey (above) as Sweeney Todd, the luckless demon barber, Sophie Van Eevelt as Johanna Sweeney's unsuspecting daughter and Helen Haines (above) as Mrs Lovett London's worst pie maker.



BHASVIC students hit LA

BHASVIC. 5.45am. Too early? Not when you have a week of exciting activities, trips and experiences awaiting in Los Angeles. The highlights began early, with several celebrity sightings on our plane, who were happy to sign autographs for the group.

Once in LA, we visited Sony Studios, where we were shown numerous film sets, for productions such as Angels and Demons and the classic Wizard of Oz, as well as sound stages and celebrity's production offices. After visiting LA's famous Farmer's Market for lunch, we visited the up-market Rodeo Drive and Beverley Hills for some shopping, although no one could actually afford anything there! The evening saw a visit to the home of the Oscars, The Kodak Theatre, and the Hollywood Walk of Fame, where film stars from the past and present have left their footprints in the pavement.

Wednesday was WarnerBros studios where we rode around on large golf carts seeing sets for Gremlins and Back to the Future. Seeing the Friend's set was amazing, as was looking at the various Bat vehicles from the recent, and older, films. The afternoon saw a workshop at the famous New York Film Academy, where we learned techniques on cinematography from an expert.

Thursday's Universal Studios back-lot tour lacked the detail and personal feel of the other studios, but was by far the most exciting of the three.

Simulated earthquakes, exploding bridges, stunt demonstrations and coming so close to seeing the stars of Desperate Housewives filming on set were great experiences, even if those of us on the sides of the carts got soaked from a fake flood stunt! We then were set free to go on all the rides, although some were more eager than others! In the evening, half of the group then went to see The Dark Knight at an IMAX theatre, whilst the rest indulged in more shopping!

Friday took us to Santa Monica for the biggest shopping experience of the week and most spent their last dollars. We then hit Venice Beach, the location of TV series 'Baywatch', with its street performers and an eclectic mix of market stalls. As the sun was out and the sea was warm, we enjoyed a relaxing few hours on the beach, before boarding the coach for the homeward journey.

The whole trip was enjoyed by everyone, and was worth every penny. The celeb spotting, walk of fame, and snapping photographs of the Hollywood sign were great highlights, and every moment was made entertaining by filling spare time with activities such as quizzes and shopping. It was the best college trip anyone could ever go on – worth every single penny and cent.



Ski trip

36 enjoyed students plus staff enjoyed excellent sunny weather plus 2.6m of snow with excellent piste conditions for both skiing and snowboarding throughout February half term. Accommodation at Risoul which is part of La Forêt Blanche in the Southern French Alps was popular with everyone – described by students as an: ‘absolutely awesome trip’.