

# Boarding Newsletter

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL (BOARDING)



Saying farewell is never easy. For many of our boarders, whether they have been with us one year, two years, or three years, this was their last with us here at DLD.

We also have to say farewell to our wonderful Assistant Houseparents, Yasna, Ana and Shafiah, who have all contributed such positivity, enthusiasm and initiative to the boarding team. We wish them every success for the future.

After a fantastic International Day, boarders were focused on study this term. Whilst the boarding house was quiet and focused. However, it is important during the exam period to be able to unwind, and there was ample time this term for celebration, squeezing in prom,

attendance at a local Community Iftar, a Eurovision Party, a Silent Disco, a Bucking Bronco afternoon in the atrium, Graduation, and various other events throughout the term.

We look forward to welcoming back boarders who are returning, and to those moving on—good luck, keep in touch, and do remember to continue to give back to the communities in your home countries and worldwide.

We are all very proud of you.

*John J. Taylor*

*Assistant Principal  
(Boarding)*



# FOND FAREWELLS

At the end of this term we're saying goodbye to some of our Assistant Houseparents, Yasna, Anamaria and Shafiah. They have all been a crucial part of our boarding team and will be sorely missed. Yasna has been here for three years while doing her Masters in Dentistry. She has been a huge support to so many students along the way and will be missed for her compassionate nature and commitment to the students. Anamaria has been with us for two years and has been a great help to many students in all Huddles, I am sure all students will miss her sense of humour and the kindness she has shown throughout her time. Shafiah has only been with us a year but I am sure that she will be missed most for her willingness to help and listen to any and all problems. We wish them well with their future endeavours and look forward to welcoming the new boarding staff who will arrive in September.



Nicola Borland  
**Senior Houseparent**



## ***Boarder of the Week***

Every Friday morning we have a Boarders' Meeting, which ends with the awarding of our Boarder of the Week award. Awards can be given for exceptional community service, helping other boarders, or enthusiastic involvement in boarding activities. Here, Wiliawan received her Boarder of the Week award from John.



## FROM JAN'S HUDDLE

With exams coming to an end our boarders are starting to head off for their summer holidays. For each of them, this means trying to fit a bedroom of belongings (that has inevitably grown over the last 9 months of London shopping!) back into those few suitcases they arrived with. Thankfully we have a charity donation system in place where our boarders can fill bags with items that they no longer need but could be of use to local charities. We have been amazed at some of the items being donated and feel sure the local charities will benefit hugely from the kind donations.

Over the weekend two girls from our youngest Huddle collected all of the long life food left behind in our 19 common rooms and took them to the Waterloo Foodbank, just round the corner from us.



Jan Haines  
**Houseparent**



# EMAIL TO MY HUDDLE...

**From:** Emma Finnerty  
**Sent:** 10 June 2019 11:43  
**Subject:** End of Year

Hello Ladies!

I know there is still a little time left but a few of you are leaving soon (or have left already!).

For those of you who are returning to DLD in September I hope you have a fabulous summer and I look forward to seeing you at the beginning of the new term and hearing about what you have been up too.

For those of you who will be moving on to new adventures I wish you all the very best! It would be lovely to hear from you when you get settled at your new school/university or employment! You can email me or my phone number is below 😊. If you will still be in London please do pop in and say hi it would be great to see you!

A big thank you to your Head of Huddle, Sara, Deputy Heads of Huddle, Madina and Alina and also our Boarders' Well-being Rep Maria. All four of you have been brilliant and have supported me, the Huddle and fellow students and I am very grateful for the effort you have put into your roles from planning trips to supporting others and anything else that has been asked of you.

I would also like to thank all of you!! You have been an amazing Huddle. Over the last year you have all truly made my work a joy and full of fun and humour. You have been the most enthusiastic Huddle EVER for trips and activities and I will miss each of you!!!! I am honoured to have had the opportunity to be your Houseparent and I am proud of each of you 😊.

And finally.....the last Banoffee Pie of the year will be available at Huddle Registration this evening 😊

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*Sara and Madina were the first boarders to receive five commendations under our new rewards system, which was developed by a working party of boarders, with the leadership of our Senior Houseparent, Myles*







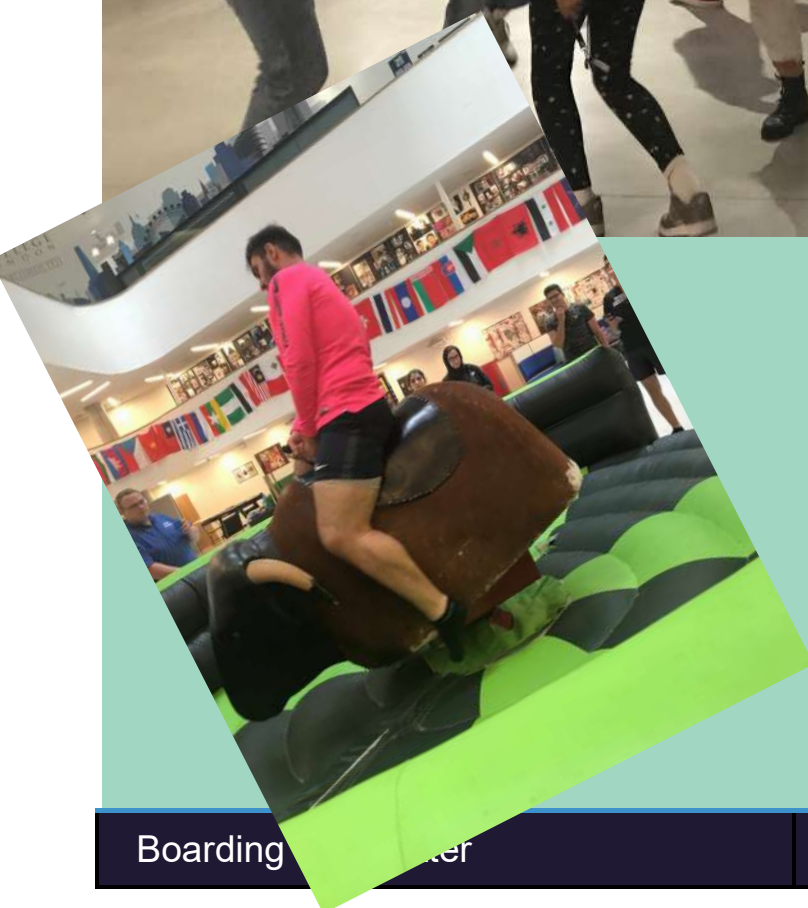
## THE **CRAZY** THINGS HUMANS DO?!

### Sasha Taylor - The "DLD Dog"

I know that our students study hard, and this term has been particularly hard work for them, but humans do some strange things to relax sometimes.

A couple of weeks ago, for instance, they held something called a 'Silent Disco' on a Saturday night. This basically involves them wearing glowing headphones, dancing manically round the atrium to what appears to be no music.

As if that wasn't weird enough, the next day, they had an afternoon with a bucking bronco in the atrium, where boarders have to hang on to a bull and try to stay on. It was a battle between Luke and Adrian, with Luke being the victor in the end with 51 seconds... I think I prefer when they just give me food...





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## COMMUNITY IFTAR

During half term, to mark the end of Ramadan, boarders supported a Community Iftar on Lower Marsh, a street near the College, which was closed for the occasion. The event was organised by parents from a local Primary School, and a great time was had by all!





# ***INTERNATIONAL DAY 2019!***



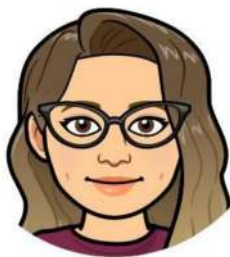


# GRADUATION 2019





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MYLES



SHEILA



EMMA



AURYN



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*Have a great summer!*

*See you next year!*