

Boarding Newsletter

October 2017

From the Director of Boarding



My wife, Kim, and I are so enjoying being part of the boarding community here in Central London. Our first half term at DLD has been fabulous; it is such a privilege to live and work with students from all over the world, and what a great thing to have people from 50 different nationalities mixing together, studying, relaxing, enjoying themselves, and getting to know about each other, their cultures and backgrounds.

I learn something every day from our boarders; whether it is the student who has built up the strength to come and tell us they have a problem, or whether it is the open way boarders get to know one another. Our new 'Huddle' system where boarders have their own Houseparent who is the first port of call for taking care of boarders is also working well, with Huddle meetings providing another outlet for student voice, and there are various plans afoot for Huddle trips towards the end of the year.

Being the only boarding College in Central London with boarding on site is deeply exciting, and the trips and opportunities that boarders have been engaged in this term is second to none; from opera, to a trip to the spa, to go-karting, museum trips, concerts – the list is endless. It is great to see our young people get involved in these and the many in-house activities we have on offer.

However, it is the quiet moments in the house that bring me the most joy; seeing someone helping someone else in the atrium. Endless games of ping pong and table football. Students who are enjoying their own music switching it off because they want to hear someone play the piano. Jamming with students on a Saturday night. The boy who unassumingly picks up a bit of litter as he passes, just because... These are the things that make boarding such a special experience for everyone involved in it.

John J. Taylor

Director of Boarding



Helene and Tanya rehearsing with the Director of Boarding for the DLD 'Star Search' Talent Show

DLD COLLEGE LONDON

AUTUMN TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME 2017

PLEASE EMAIL

houseparents@dld.org

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP FOR ANY OF THESE TRIPS



SEPTEMBER 16TH

JOIN US FOR A MINI GRAND PRIX AT THE TOWER
BRIDGE INDOOR GO KARTING CIRCUIT
WINNERS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH MEDALS
AT THE END



SEPTEMBER 23RD

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
A MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY THAT EXHIBITS A VAST
RANGE OF SPECIMENS FROM VARIOUS SEGMENTS OF
NATURAL HISTORY.



SEPTEMBER 24TH

SHAKESPEARE'S GLOBE THEATRE
MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING
WONDERFUL ATMOSPHERE. GREAT SEATS AND A VERY
FUNNY PLAY



SEPTEMBER 30TH

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE
ALICE IN WONDERLAND BALLET
COLOURFUL AND BEAUTIFUL DANCING IN A
FABULOUS SETTING



OCTOBER 1ST

JUNKYARD GOLF
AN ALTERNATIVE GOLF EXPERIENCE
GREAT FUN!

Boarders' Trips and Activities

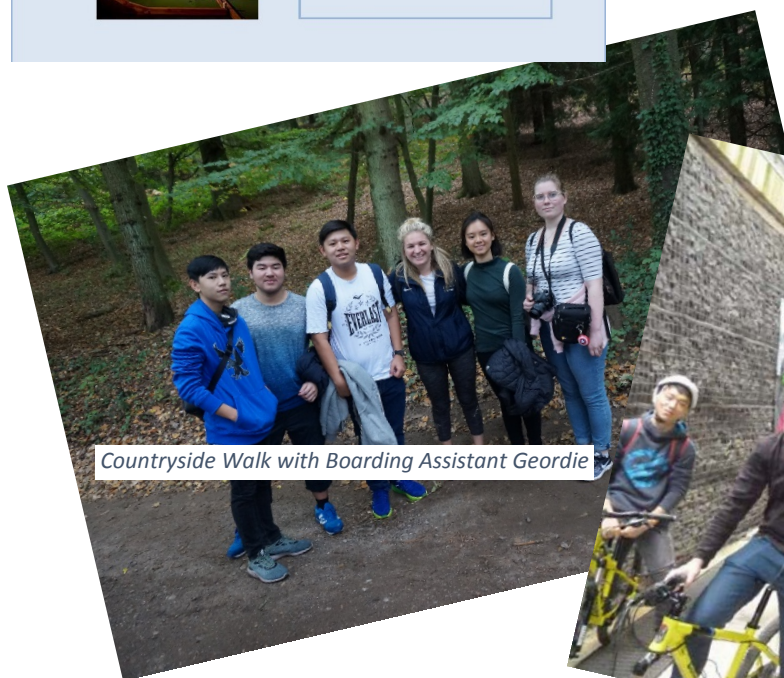
Autumn Term 2017

This term we have produced a full programme providing a range of cultural, sport and wellbeing activities including trips to the Royal Opera House to watch a ballet, an action packed Go Karting Grand Prix and an evening of pampering at a thermal Spa.

Next term we have planned many more exciting trips and activities so please look out for the posters and sign up quickly to secure your place!

Sheila Price

Houseparent



Countryside Walk with Boarding Assistant Geordie



Urban Mountain Biking!

Coming Boarders' Trips Spring Term 2018

Winter Lights Festival

Paintballing

Laserquest

Windsor Castle

Harry Potter Studio Tour

Go Karting

Camden Market

Thermal Spa

Wembley Football Match

Plus Theatre, Concerts, and various in-house events!

In- House Activities



During the opening weeks of term we have had numerous activities for our boarders with activities ranging from talent shows to movie nights. Boarders began life at DLD with induction games which resulted in many boarders finding new friends and meeting fellow students from all over the world.

Following on next term will see Houseparents and Student Council working closely to bring new and exciting activities for all our boarders. I look forward to many more great evenings in the DLD boarding house!

Kyle Micali

Houseparent



Special occasions

We have our Halloween Party coming up straight after half term on 29th October at 7:30pm. We will be having an exciting fancy dress competition with some great prizes provided by the Principal. Over half term, think about outfits and costumes to be in with a chance to win a prize! There will be a Halloween themed dinner that night and spooky snacks and drinks provided during the party along with terrifying decorations.

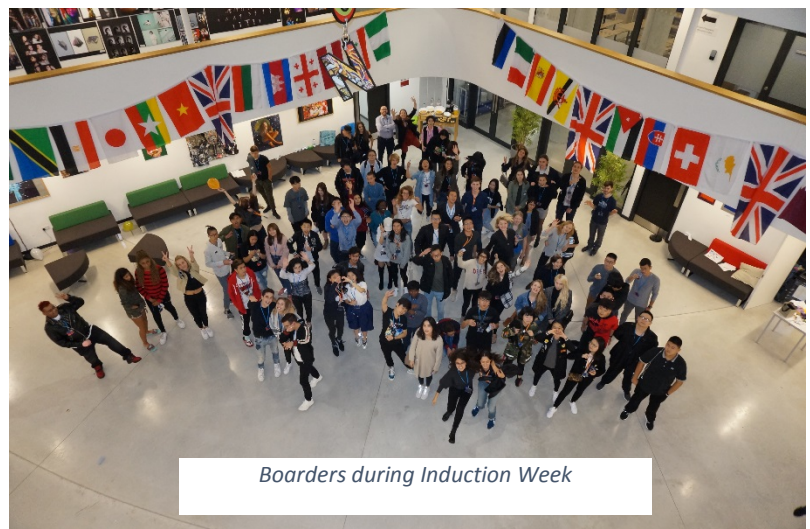


After this we will start thinking about our many Christmas celebrations, from our banquet meal for the entire Boarding House to the Christmas Decorating Competition where each huddle will help decorate the common rooms.

I'm really keen for students to help with parties and celebrations, if this is something you'd be interested in please come and see me.



Nicola Borland
Houseparent



Boarders during Induction Week

“Huddles”

A ‘Huddle’ is a group of students organised by age, gender and floor, under the pastoral care of a particular Houseparent.

Over the past couple of weeks all Houseparents have held meetings with their Huddles and we would like to thank all students who attended promptly. Huddle meetings are important not only for you all to get to know one another and form your Huddle community but also as a platform for you all to voice any concerns, raise any issues and to shape your boarding experience!

Throughout the academic year your Houseparent will help you organise Huddle trips and activities. These can be in house activities such as movie nights or pyjama parties or trips outside to the cinema, theatre or just a local coffee shop. For example Kyle's Huddle went to Gourmet Burget Kitchen for dinner this week and Emma's Huddle will be going to the Chinese Lantern Christmas Festival next month. If you have any ideas of activities you would like to do please speak with your Houseparent.



Emma Finnerty

Houseparent



How to convince boarders to give you food...!

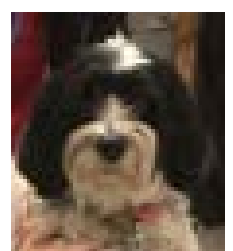
As one of the newest residents in DLD Boarding House, it has been really enjoyable getting to know some of our students from all over the world. For some reason, they seem to enjoy making a fuss of me, patting me, giving me nicknames, and trying to feed me things that John and Kim don't usually allow me to have.

I have found that doing my best to look as cute as possible is a sure-fire way of convincing boarders to feed me, and as a result, I have made quite a lot of new friends here at DLD. On the days I'm feeling 'ruff', I just have to look at boarders a certain way, and they find me something to 'woof' down almost immediately....!

Yes, I think I like it here.

Sasha Taylor

The “DLD Dog”





Teambuilding Weekend at High Ashurst

On Saturday 16th September a group of boarders visited the High Ashurst outdoor centre in Surrey, UK to take part in a team building weekend offering an opportunity to make new friends and to push their out of their comfort zones. The boarders took part in a team initiative exercise, rock climbing, abseiling and high ropes. On the Saturday night they learnt how to make a camp fire and then had a traditional sing-a-long with roasted marshmallows.

The whole group slept overnight in tepees, providing a very unique experience. This was an excellent weekend for all the staff and boarders who attended and provided an excellent platform for life at DLD.



Tom Hadcroft
Deputy Principal
(Welfare and Boarding)

Student Council



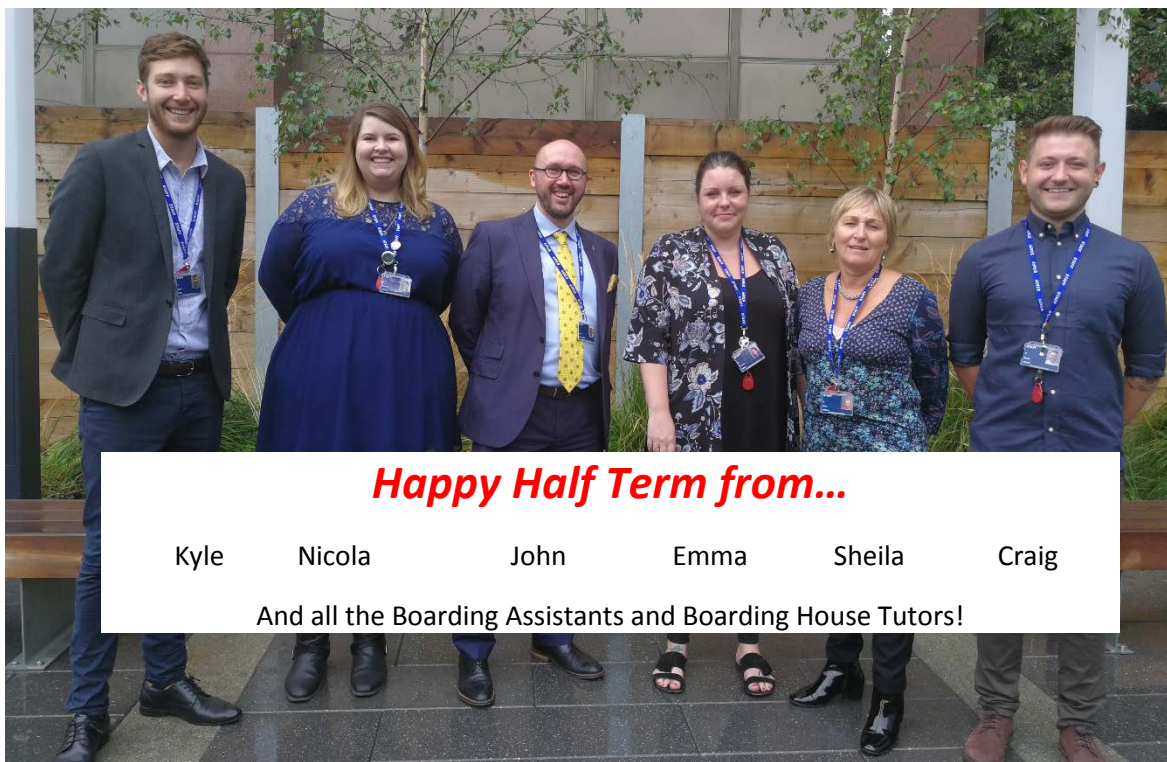
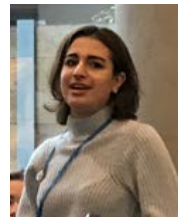
Our Boarding house is first and foremost the community! Here, at DLD, we welcome every single student! I love boarding because it gives me an opportunity to become a member of multicultural family and share traditions of our countries. Living upstairs really saves my time during the day, so that I can spend more time on studying. Houseparents are always there for boarders and will make sure that everyone feels like at home.

As the boarding representative on Student Council, my main aim is to transfer information from boarders to members of staff. Boarders' voice must be heard so that alternatives can be considered. Each week we hold a meeting with John Taylor and Tom Hadcroft in order to identify problems we have in the boarding house and what alternatives could be made. The outcomes of our meeting always have a proactive approach.

I am more than welcome to receive any suggestions!

Dayana Chumbruridze

Boarders' Representative on Student Council



Happy Half Term from...

Kyle

Nicola

John

Emma

Sheila

Craig

And all the Boarding Assistants and Boarding House Tutors!