

Parent's

NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the Autumn Newsletter for parents

October 2011

Sky News Interview Cadbury College Students



Sky News visited Cadbury College on Tuesday 27th September to interview politics students on the Labour Party Conference. The students watched Ed Milliband's speech and gave their response and opinions on various topics including the economy, education and social aspirations. The report highlighted the challenge for politicians to communicate with the 'ipad generation' and how young people now access information.

To view the video news article online, go to the website:
www.cadcol.ac.uk and select News & Events tab (Latest News).

Open Day 10am - 4pm
Saturday 12th November 2011

Open Evening
Wednesday 8th
February 2012
6pm - 8pm

Student Reps.

Each year students have the opportunity to become a 'Student Rep'. All student reps attend a 'Team Building' training event prior to taking on the role of a student rep.

There are three categories in which students can partake:

Ambassador – to be the face of Cadbury College, Meeting and Greeting at College Events, College Tours and supporting the Guild.

Curriculum – become a specialist in a subject area, to attend staff meetings, school visits, provide peer support and support Ambassadors.

Guild – the Guild is elected each year to be the voice of students. Organise fundraising events, provide a link to the NUS, talk to students and get students involved, be a good role model and support Ambassadors and Curriculum Reps.



Tate Modern Visit

On 28th September three staff & 49 AS and A2 photography students went to the Royal Academy London to see "Eyewitness" Hungarian Photographers of the 20th Century and then on to the Tate Modern to see a great variety of other more contemporary photographers work. They saw a huge amount of work, from the iconic Robert Capa's shots from June 6, 1944 ([D-Day](#)) when he swam ashore with the second assault wave on [Omaha Beach](#), to large scale work by Mitch Epstein who has documented the natural disasters in Mississippi in 2005. It was a great day, the sun shone at 27 degrees and the students got a wealth of vital information for their coursework.

Students to launch 'eCad'

This term will see the launch of the College's eMagazine called 'eCad'. The magazine will be written by the students for the students at the college. The students involved in the magazine have taken on roles such as journalist, photographer, graphic designer and editor.

The first edition will cover topics such as local news stories, film and music reviews, poetry, college society pages and much more.



OUR STUDENTS TAKE ON MP

On Monday 19th September a group of Cadbury College students along with College staff boarded the 'Campaign for Better Transport' bus in Victoria Square in Birmingham to voice their concerns at proposed cuts to bus services locally and nationally. The students met Norman Baker MP, Parliamentary under Secretary of State for Transport, and made him well aware of how vital the bus service is to them and the local community and the impact that the cuts will make to their lives and education. The students spoke to the MP over the proposed 28% cuts to local authority public transport along with the removal of EMA.

Here are some of the student statements:

"I think raising prices and removing services would put more pressure on students

especially with the loss of EMA" - Amira Barre.

"Reducing these vital services would cause inconvenience to most people or worse render people immobile" – Janice Luk

"Without buses I would not be getting a good education" - Zahara Nyei

"I need regular buses to be able to get to college and work on time" – Farhiya Ali



Hundreds of buses face the chop as govern

It's time bus passengers had their voices



Envision Fashion Show



Cadbury College Student Societies

The college always aims to accept, respect and include all students and staff from a variety of religious or sexual orientation backgrounds. The following societies are established within Cadbury College and meet regularly. All students and staff are welcome to join a society.

- Cadbury College Islamic Society
- Cadbury College Christian Union
 - Cadbury College LGBT
(Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender)
- Cadbury College Envision (national charity)

Mmm...Macmillan Fund Raising

Each year Cadbury College takes on the Macmillan 'coffee morning' challenge. Wednesday 28th September 2011 was not unlike previous years. Enthusiastically staff and students bought in an abundance of delicious cakes, nibbles and biscuits to sell to raise money for the charity.

The event raised a staggering - **£313.84**



HE & UCAS for Parents

The college has a programme of support for students to help them progress into higher education. Last year nearly 500 upper sixth students gained places at university on a diverse range of degree courses.

Lower Sixth

In the summer term during weekly tutorials students are introduced to the online application process 'UCAS APPLY'. The students are given a HE Guide booklet and along with support from their personal tutor, are guided through the online application process including writing personal statements.

Useful Websites for Parents:

www.opendays.com
www.ucas.co.uk/parents/
www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

A UCAS Parent Guide is available from the college on request (subject to availability).

Oxbridge and Medical School Applications

The college has a programme of support for students wishing to apply to Oxford or Cambridge for medical, dentistry and vet courses. This involves support with the application process, taster days and visits to universities, guest speakers in college and medically related work placements.



EMPLOYER LINKS

The college is always looking to develop its links with local businesses and employers in order to develop the possibility of work experience opportunities or to contribute to careers events held at the college by way of talks or presentations. This helps to enrich the student experience and adds to the career advice and guidance offered at the college.

If you would like your business to develop links with the college please contact Andy Cookson (Assistant Principal)

andy.cookson@cadcol.ac.uk

Student Profile

Name:

Ashleigh Edwards

Previous School:

Colmers School

Current Subjects:

Maths Pure & Stats / Theatre Studies / English Language & Literature

Progression – University:

Drama School to study Musical Theatre at Degree Level

Reasons for choosing Cadbury College:

- To become more independent
- Adult environment
- Friendly and welcoming

Best thing about Cadbury College:

- Support from teachers to ensure you succeed

Advice for future Cadbury college students:

- Be organised
- Prepare for lessons

