



Students take over social media

Academy's Instagram and Twitter feeds will show what it's *really* like to be a 6th former at Belfairs

When, with characteristic honesty, Belfairs Academy's Post 16 Director Andrew Bakonyvari admitted that he wasn't exactly a whizz with social media, he turned to the real experts – the school's Year 12 students.

In response to his please for #HELP, six youngsters at the Leigh-on-Sea school immediately volunteered to create the first ever Belfairs Academy 'Social Media Team'.



Year 12 Social Media Team, from left to right: Sharyar Jadoon, Tanaka Matsa, Kasper Lindberg-Jones, Rose Peel, Ara Stott, Summer Children-Smith.

Tanaka Matsa, Rose Peel, Kasper Lindberg Jones, Summer Children-Smith, Ara Stott and Sharyar Jadoon are bringing their skills on platforms such as Instagram, Twitter and Facebook to help increase the sixth form's overall social media presence.

Mr Bakonyvari said: *"People throughout society – especially youngsters – are getting more and more of their information and news online and via social media apps, such as Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. We need to ensure that Belfairs is part of that mix, and who better to guide me of what will get students reading about the fantastic*

things we do in our sixth form than our own students?! They've already made me realise quite how much I didn't know and have really taken this project in new directions."

"I think it's really great that we're being given the opportunity to show what we do in the sixth form via social media. Being part of this new team will not only benefit my CV and UCAS Personal Statement, but also help to develop my writing and photography skills," says Summer Children-Smith, who is studying A Level Media Studies, English Language & Literature and Photography.

She adds: *"The team's already got tons of ideas for future promotions, so expect to see lots of news articles on our website, plus regular updates on our Twitter account, @BelfairsAcademy and Instagram page, belfairsacademy."*

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