

Bourke's Big Book of Quotes

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**Thank you, to John Bourke, for all
the quotations and advice over the
past two years.**

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For their quotes.

Preface

This compilation of quotations started off as a web site I developed in January 2004. This site intended to create a database of quotes along the lines of "It's not what you know, it's who you know."

Quotations were submitted by several users at Carshalton Boys Sports College, with over 200 of them added fairly quickly. Quotations, in the book, are sorted by the user that submitted them.

The Quote Site and this book, were inspired by John Bourke, who unwittingly named the web site: whoyouknow.co.uk. This name came from the repeated quotation: it's not what you know, it's who you know.

The site started off as a joke, but soon became a database of many quotations and also my A2 ICT project.

Thanks to John Bourke for the quotations he has inspired us with, throughout the Sixth Form.

A special thanks to Kyle Halsey and Sagar Patel, for the large number of quotes that they added; and for their initial idea for the web site. Kyle should be known as the quote master, for the sheer amount of quotes he has submitted.

James Hamilton
It's not what you know, it's whoyouknow.co.uk

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Prologue

It all started on January 15th 2004, with the purchase of whoyouknow.co.uk. It was something that Kyle Halsey said, that prompted me to buy the domain. I can't remember exactly what – something to do with it's not what you know..., no doubt – but the next day, I told Kyle about the domain; he also wanted it. Too late, Kyle!

So, I had the domain. What to do with it!? This is where Kyle comes back into the picture, closely followed by Sagar Patel. It was by suggestion of these two, that I create a quotes database. The idea was to add quotes that Mr Bourke would say, or at least ones that sounded like something he would quote.

Well, I now had the domain and the idea. At the time I had very little knowledge of HTML, let alone the required database and scripting. I decided to teach myself HTML, PHP and MySQL, which may seem like a lot, but they all link together making it easier to learn together.

I started out with some simple tutorials, and during some ICT lessons (I thought I might as well add some computing to the ICT course!), I wrote my first PHP pages. My first page being one that said 'Test'. Shortly after these few pages, I began to create database driven pages, which displayed the words 'test', 'test2', 'test3' taken from a database.

The first implementation of a quote database was a plain web site that displayed the quotes entered by the user at the bottom of the page. It soon became apparent that login identification was necessary, as Mr Bourke would not have liked some of the quotes that appeared.

Within a month the site was fully working. Users had to now sign up, in order to add quotes. Quotes also had to be approved by me, before being displayed.

Quotes were added to the site by several users at CBSC, Kyle being the person who added the most.

This was, of course, all done with out the knowledge of Mr Bourke, as the site was predominantly used for joke 'Bourke-like' quotes. Well it stayed that way for all of about a month. This was when Sagar thought it would be funny to sign Mr Bourke up to the site. An email was immediately sent, which informed the new user of their signing up to site.

The next morning I saw Mr Bourke, he said 'What is the email that you sent me?' – The email had 'from James Hamilton', at the bottom! I quickly explained that Sagar thought it would be funny to sign him up. He was in a hurry.

A little later, he again confronted me. This time I explained that the site was a database of quotes. An immediate reaction followed: "Oh, I have got some great quotes."

Oh, the irony! I couldn't stop laughing, when he left the room. There we were, creating a joke web site, aimed at Mr Bourke, when he joins in.

After that came along my design for a whoyouknow.co.uk business card, with a little help from Ken Bailey. He designed the site's logo.

Shortly after a T-Shirt followed. The words: "It's not what you know...", where printed on the front and "It's who you know" printed on the back.

And then came this book...

Foreword

The beginning of this path started two years ago, and we are now arriving at the next main junction. The subsequent journey to this point is seen by some as long and hard, to others it appears more straightforward. The truth is, we have all progressed during this transition period, be it though better measurable aptitude, or growth of ones inner-self.

In the beginning of the first 6th Form term, the day to decide the next step of our futures seemed aeons away. Then came the late autumn rush to decide on university placements! A fair number of students decided to go down the university route others needed some sound advice. John Bourke offered a helpful insight into the workings of the “real world” along with knowledge of the “corporate animal”. University just seemed a place with a name, that can further your education, but was now being demonstrated as a quintessential asset to your future; university was not just a place to learn, but a place to make contacts and further your networks.

By going to a top named university, you will get where you want to be in life. And this has been demonstrated time and time again. However without the right amount of motivation and the correct social ethos, it is unlikely top universities would be on the agenda for such a student. We all have hopes and dreams but we can depend on wishes to be fulfilled to further our future.

“LSE is the Ferrari of universities”

John Bourke

LSE, Oxford and Cambridge are all world renowned institutions, providing not only an exquisite level of education, but some of the best social networks around. A few 6th Form

students had aspirations for such greatness, only to become realistic to their

restrictions for whatever the reason. After an overall disappoint AS level results, retakes were scheduled and university acceptance/ rejections letter soon poured in. The majority of applicants were offered places at a university that most would not class as being "red brick" and are more modern previous polytechnics. One or two people were offered places at slightly more reputable intuitions, such as Westminster, Surrey and Goldsmiths but these required a higher point's value.

Judgement day is fast approaching and our hard work (or lack of it) will soon become apparent. On the 19th August 2004 our options to the future will become far clearer, and CBSC will soon become a memory.

"The answer is only part of the question; the rest of it is trying to figure out what the question was in the first place"

Kyle Halsey

The quotes held within these pages compiled by a variety of authors hold both comical and philosophical values. Some inspirations by John Bourke glue an ethos throughout the whoyouknow site. The site owned by James Hamilton has been a good learning experience for himself, and who knows, maybe the site would have been based upon a very different theme if Kyle Halsey purchased it initially (in which case this may not have been compiled). So glasses should be raised whatever the results, with all the best for the future.

Kyle Halsey

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Armed & Dangerous

Let me get the quote right as I had to sign up to this just to tell you "it's not who you know but who knows you"

Love is like life; it's hard and doesn't always bring happiness, as we don't stop living why should we stop loving.

Daniel Forde

Who do you trust when the people who are sworn to protect you, conspire against you. The countdown has begun.

Fred Nerk (aka Paul Cadell)

Rabbits are free!!!

Rabbits are very expensive.

Big rabbits are really expensive!

James Hamilton

It's not what you know, it's whoyouknow.co.uk

You've got to know the tricks, before you start playing the games.

You've got to know the code, before you can write the program.

You've got to open your eyes to see the opportunities.

You shouldn't throw stones in glass houses.

If you want to get clients, then you've got to be a server.

There may be more than one path to a destination.

Plan your route before you take it.

Carpe Diem.

When investing: four legs good, two legs bad.

Just because you can see the finish line, doesn't mean it is easier to reach.

If opportunity knocks, answer the door.

Look ahead, so you can see the hurdles.

You've got to know the recipe, before you can bake the cookie.

You got have an idea, before you can patent it.

If you are going to dive into something, make sure you can swim out again.

If you wait for someone else to press the bell, you may miss your stop.

Those who can't, teach. Those who can't teach, teach media studies.

If you're gonna swim, you're gonna get wet.

If an idea isn't protected, it's up for the taking.

You've got to be taught before you can learn.

The standalone computer makes about as much sense as the standalone telephone.

“I think there is a world market for maybe 5 computers.”

Thomas Watson – IBM chairman 1943

You don't need to know how something works, to use it as a tool.

Beware of turns in the road; you never know what's round the corner...

Everyone can type 100 words a minute; whether they make sense is another matter...

A teacher can only show you the path; you must make the journey on your own.

If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.

Failing doesn't need to be a failure. It just means you should take a different route.

There are 10 kinds of people in this world: those who understand binary and those who don't.

Mistakes are inevitable; just make them when no one is looking!

John Bourke

Sometimes top cats start off as underdogs

We are here for a good time - not a long time!

Ken Bailey

Stay quiet and listen - others may think you're smart.

Don't kick business - it will stick to your shoe.

Don't do today, what you did yesterday.

Look before you hesitate

He who laughs last - hasn't got the joke

The early bird has an alarm

A rose by any other name would smell

Opportunity is not a lengthy visitor

Stephen Sondheim/James Lapine

Good looks may be your calling card; they are not your invitation to stay

If you don't like the weather in England - wait ten minutes.

Dr Samuel Johnson

It is commonly observed, that when two Englishmen meet, their first talk is of the weather.

Dr Samuel Johnson

Kyle Halsey

If you open your eyes and see the present you can let the future take care of itself

Those who can, do. Those who can't, teach

George Bernard Shaw

I know what you know before you knew I know it. You knew I was going to say that didn't you?

If French is the language of love then we must all be love sick

If it can't be learnt then it is worth knowing

If you want it new and shiny you better keep the box closed

There is one way to find the lost treasure - find the lost map

You can't teach an old dog new tricks

One in the hand is worth two in the bush

What is reality? To know that you have got to be out of it

It doesn't matter who you know, a bulging pocket will get it sorted

£1 is worth \$1.67, what one do you prefer?

A picture paints a thousand words

Less is more

Never give a sucker an even break

Keep your hand close to your chest; it won't stop a bullet but it will make them think you have good contacts - a king a queen and a joker what more do you want?

UCL, LSE, HEC, NYS, KCL; see a pattern? The more exclusive the university, the easier they are to spell. I mean Wolverhampton, Westminster, long spellings, perhaps to confuse the riffraff?

Maths is logic, English is language, Geography is, well, geography. PE - well that's just Mickey Mouse

Look at your window what do you see? Thought so, glass.

Censorship is the enforcer of power - Control is the enforcement of power, Law is the enforcement of Censorship. Control, well if I told you that I would have to kill you

If you got a glass jaw you should watch your mouth

Why are we trying to live if we are trying to die?

Get rich or die tryin'

The best things in life are free

There is no such thing as a free lunch
Many hands make light work

Too many cooks spoil the broth

Walking is a means to travel; a car is means to drive

You can be a better person today, than you were yesterday, and can be even better tomorrow

It's not how you know, it's why you know.

A quote is for life, not just for Christmas...

Oxford = Official Xylophone Federation Offering Real Diamonds

Truth is a 5 letter word, as is Liar. I lied...

UCL = Unclear Course Lectures

You won't find a book in a jungle, you will in the Amazon...isn't that amazonaizing!

Crosswords go down as well as across

LSE = Loaded Students Entered

What you know today may save your life tomorrow.

What you knew yesterday may kill you today.

If quotes were the meaning of life, this book would be the book of knowledge

If money is the way forwards in this world, then I better get running

Who would have thought that a piece of paper could be worth so much, yet cost so little?

When the s**t hits the fan...duck

It's not about how many you have its about how many you understand

All work and no play make Jack a dull boy

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool that to speak and remove all doubt

The answer is only part of the question; the rest of it is trying to figure out what the question was in the first place

Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me

A quote a day helps you learn, laugh and pray

The lights are on but there's no one at home

It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God

The Bible

As far as the laws of mathematics refer to reality, they are not certain; and as far as they are certain, they do not refer to reality.

Albert Einstein

I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones.

Albert Einstein

Great spirits have always found violent opposition from mediocrities. The latter cannot understand it when a man does not thoughtlessly submit to hereditary prejudices but honestly and courageously uses his intelligence.

Albert Einstein

Sometimes I think the surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that none of it has tried to contact us.

Bill Watterson

It's not what you don't know that hurts you. It's what you think you know that ain't so."

Will Rogers, Jr.

Never mind what is in the way, an obstacle can be moved with the right tools

If at first you don't succeed, pick yourself up and try again

Aliyah

Just be yourself...because that's all you will ever be
Everybody knows no-body, but no-body knows somebody, and somebody knows anybody. Why doesn't everybody know anybody?

Is the glass half empty, or half full? Who gives a s**t, lets drink up!

Two hands on the steering wheel = safe driver. One hand on steering wheel, other on window sill = style. No hands on wheel one on Sandwich other on Mobile...late for work

Walls have ears, windows have eyes

Next time you get pulled over for "Drink Driving" tell the officer you made sure you did not drink at the wheel, and played it "Safe" by downing the lot at the pub before leaving.

If the pub is the heart of the village, where the hell is the brain?
The pharmacy?

The secret to handling drink, is to first get a good grip of the glass.

1 tequila, 2 tequila, 3 tequila more, 5 tequila, 6 tequila, 7 tequila floor!

Without the blue print, you are left in the dark

To take something that is not rightfully yours, is to wrongfully done as is not to break laws

You have got to talk the talk before you walk the walk.
Jump the boat and you better be able to swim

Don't get beat up over not knowing, beat someone up about them not telling you

A teacher can show you the door, but only a locksmith can open it.

The more random I get, the better they sound. I am the quote master you must worship the ground. Poems, rhymes and the meaning of life, you can't challenge me so don't even think twice

One less battery is one more problem

Guns don't kill people, people kill people

Don't just look, see.

Make the most out of the opportunities you get, otherwise you will be left out in the rain

10 quotes a day, stop all work, rest and play

Fly like a bee, sting like a butterfly - S Patel

Living for the moment does not mean investing for the future. To be successful you need to balance where present meets future, and not live by the day, but by the day being lived by you.

If you go east, you will eventually end up west. If you go south you will eventually end up north. So I'd suggest you stay right where you are.

The merchandise may show them the slogan, but will it show its true worth?

The horse that wins the race, is the horse that runs with grace

It doesn't matter what your name is.

It doesn't matter if you win by an inch or a mile, winning is winning

Coffee is a mugs game

£1.99 may be a bargain, but a bargain is not necessarily £1.99

6574.5 days or 157,788 hours or 9,467,280 minutes or 568,036,800 seconds. Once in a lifetime, a moment in time

The quickest way to get from A to B, is to bring B to A.

Laugh and the world laughs with you, fart and your on your own

Creativity is a means to design. Inspiration is means to create.

I think, therefore I am

Descartes

Existence is proportional to reality

Four bottles on the wall, and if one falls, you've had too many to drink

Administration is the means to control; education is the understanding of paperwork

Sometimes things happen unexpectedly; when they do you need to expect the unexpected

Be careful, your eyes may be bigger than your belly

Don't bite off more than you can chew

Mickey Mouse has big ears; he is a giant mouse

What goes up must come down, except if you are in Australia...

The ladder of progression has many steps. You have lots of opportunities to reach the top; the higher you get the greater the risk. A student is at the bottom of the ladder, so has the chance to slip up, when you are top dog, you fall and it will hurt

Rolling up on 20's, driving in the Bentley's, turnin' up the volume - do you know how much I spent?

With the fuel on redline, you better put your foot down...

Three prongs and only two are live, the third is dead, as you would be if you touch it!

Approval is after submission

Submission is not about giving in, it's about giving out

There's no time like the present, and no present this time!

An error is not a mistake; it is just something that didn't work correctly

The bigger the cable the more you can carry, a magnetic field is interfered with

How can that be a quote, when you are making it up yourself? Is it possible to quote yourself, or is that a sign of insania?

The size of your wallet is directly proportional to the contacts you know.

There are two goals in life, both opposite each other

In life you can't cut corners; the fence, be it the barrier, will hold you back.

Too many herbs may ruin the meal; the solution is simple - hold back the fragrance and reduce the taste

Mickey Mouse has found a new home, where sports and social gatherings are a frequent occurrence...

There is now too much of a focus upon independence in the workplace. Education first needs to teach the skill to the students so they can acquire the knowledge for themselves.

If you let cheddar mature you could be a rich man

Cheddar becomes richer with blue veins...

Once knowledge is acquired, an expert can be made overnight...

Time away allows the mind to stray...

The secret to being a man is to not be a woman...

In life even the toughest cookies can crumble!

Too much knowledge can fell even the mightiest of integral structure

Kyle McCandlish

Complaining is good for you as long as you're not complaining to the person your complaining about.

If you have a really bad day, always remember this...S**T HAPPENS!!!

Even an examination pass can be an overall Failure.

If success can be a failure, then could failure be a success.

It is a strange fate to suffer so much fear and doubt over so small a thing, such a little thing.

Mark Perry

You can surprise your enemy with the 'Wonky Eye Attack'. If your enemy doesn't know what you're looking at, they don't know what you're going to hit...

If you think life is bad imagine being an egg - you only get laid once, you only get smashed once, and the only bird that sits on your face is your mother!!!

Michael Herbert

It's not the conscious that score it's the sub-conscious!!!!

Be kind to your mother

Be kind to your kids 'cos they choose your nursing home.

There's no business like show business

If practice makes perfect, but nobody's perfect what's the point in practicing?

What's a shitzsu? A zoo with no animals.

Michael Hindmarsh

The harder you work the luckier you get.

Randall Wilson

Teaching isn't about education, it's about crowd control.

Sagar Patel

The only way to the top is to take the stairs, but the LSE students take the lift.

If you hang a horseshoe the wrong way up, the luck runs out.

Think smarter not harder

Your first impression is your last impression

Don't judge a book by its cover

Fly like a butterfly sting like bee

If you talk the talk you got to walk the walk

To be the man you've got to beat the man

The apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

Don't go for the high jump, go for the long jump

Put your money where your mouth is

Keep your friends close but keep your enemies even closer

It's capitalism at full speed. The whole world's going to get richer.

You don't need the certificates, if you've got the contacts

You got to be organised or you won't be able to organise a p**s up in a brewery

Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

Always aim at complete harmony of thought and word and deed. Always aim at purifying your thoughts and everything will be well.

Mahatma Gandhi

Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes.

Mahatma Gandhi

Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.

Mahatma Gandhi

Have never met a man so ignorant that I couldn't learn something from him.

Galileo Galilei

An economist is an expert who will know tomorrow why the things he predicted yesterday didn't happen today.

Laurence J. Peter (1919 - 1988)

Always do sober what you said you'd do drunk. That will teach you to keep your mouth shut.

Every cloud has a silver lining.

You should never look back; you will only regret what might have been

It's not what you know; it's who you eat with.

If you're not living life on the edge, then you're taking up far too much space

It's the old Cliché of 'you get what you pay for'

It's not who you marry, it's what you marry into

BILL GATES --Became Insanely Lucrative Lunatic, Gains Assloads of Tokens Exporting Stware**

What makes these biscuits taste so buttery???

Simon Barber

Be kind and do your best.

Fantastic

Epilogue

Of course if it hadn't been for Mr Bourke's repetitive quotations, I would not have created a web site. If I hadn't the need to create a web site, I wouldn't have needed to learn HTML, PHP and SQL. If that hadn't happened I wouldn't have had a ready-made A2 ICT project and I wouldn't now be CBSC's webmaster.

Thank you to John Bourke, for inspiring all of us with your quotes, throughout the two years of Sixth Form.