



Left to right: Jamie (13Maple - Head Boy), Noel (13Ash), Sakhana (13Elm), Jacob (13Maple)

Year 13 STEM leaders

By Ms Heartfield, Head of Computing Faculty

It was with great pleasure, earlier this week that I was able to present the Year 13 STEM leaders with their badges. The badges are in recognition of all the hard work the team do to help support the wide variety of STEM activities taking place around the school.

The team have been chosen because of their particular talent in one of the STEM disciplines; Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. At Bushey Meads we also include Computer Science within the STEM family. You can be sure that we will be keeping them busy!

Over the coming week we will be appointing STEM leaders from other years to help assist the Year 13 team.

Watch this space for updates!



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Diary Dates

18th November 2014
Year 11 Consultation Evening

20th November 2014
School closes early to students,
at 1.30pm

25th November 2014
Executive Principal's
Parent Surgery

25th November 2014
Year 12 Silver DoE Parents
Information Evening

Please note that the Inset day
scheduled for Monday 1st June
2015 has now been moved to
Friday 26th June 2015.

Early School Closure - Thursday 20th November 2014

Please remember that school will finish early for students next Thursday, 20th November, at 1.30pm to allow for staff and governor training. Due to the early finish, your child may be interested in attending the Skills Show Experience at Watford Football Club – see back page of newsletter for more information.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

KEY STAGE 3



Benjamin, 8 Beech

Benjamin is one of our Student Librarians. He has been chosen as the Key Stage 3 Student of the Week because of his hard work while helping out at the Year 7 Parents Consultation Evening on Thursday November 13th.

All of the children who volunteered their time worked extremely hard on the evening so it was not an easy choice to make in choosing just one child, however, Benjamin's positivity, friendly and helpful manner certainly shone on the night.

Benjamin, pictured above, participating in a whole school charity event for Children in Need whereby students were allowed to wear their own clothes in exchange for a £1 donation to the charity.

He went above his call of duty in serving teas and coffees to our staff as well as handing out the packs he was asked to hand out to parents. Students like Benjamin make our events runs smoothly; we are very proud and grateful for his efforts.

KEY STAGE 4



Alex, 10 Elm

Alex is this week's KS4 student of the week. Alex has worked really hard to improve his understanding of Maths and achieved an excellent result in a recent test. Alex attributed his success to being more organised and revising regularly.

A lesson for all students in KS4!

KEY STAGE 5



Anthony, 12 Maple

Our KS5 student of the week this week is Anthony who is currently in Year 12. He has been awarded this for his excellent conduct in the 6th form. He always goes the extra mile to be polite, well-mannered and smartly dressed.

Anthony is a fantastic role model to younger students. He is currently studying Business Studies, IT and Psychology.

Cool Runnings!

By Mr Allen, KS4 Pastoral Manager

Feel the rhythm! Feel the rhyme! Get on up, its bobsled time!

There are exciting times ahead for Dominic, 11 Ash who is currently training with the Great Britain Bobsleigh Olympic Youth Team for a potential place on the national squad. Dominic was first noticed by the Olympic selectors when he won the Hertfordshire under 16s 100m championship in an impressive 10.8 secs.



Dominic has been training hard and most weekends can be found at the Bobsleigh track at Bath University. His dedication and efforts have been rewarded as he has recently been selected to go onto a training camp in Norway next month.

Dominic states "I am very excited to be able to have such a great opportunity to achieve something special."

If successful then Dominic will have the honour of representing his country in competitions across Europe in 2015 and then take part in the 2016 Youth Olympics in Lillyhammer, Norway.

Good Luck Dominic!

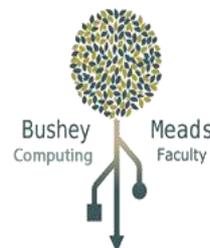


Links with Primary Schools

By Ms Gregory, Computing Teacher



Year 6 at Bushey Heath Primary School investigating the control of traffic lights with Ms Gregory on her recent visit, as part of our Computing liaison with local primary schools.



Reflection on Refraction

By Mr Bilton, Head of Science Faculty

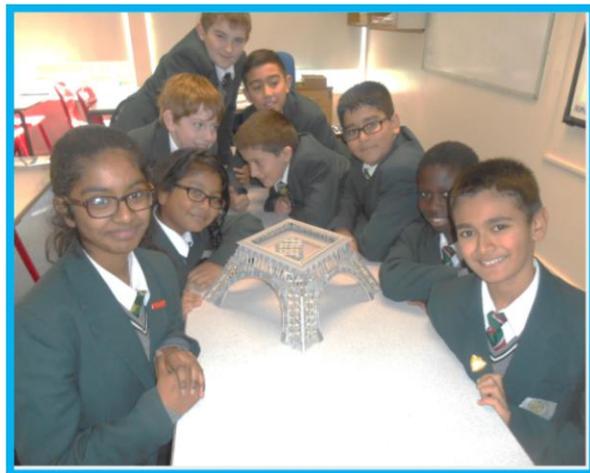
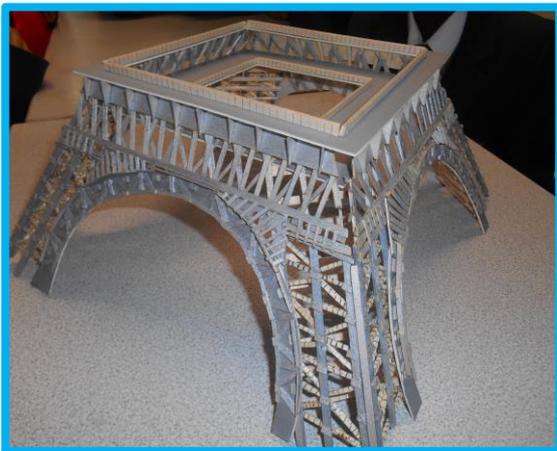


Year 8 students investigated refraction this week in Science, using ray boxes and Perspex blocks to see what happens when light slows down. Light slows when moving in a denser medium and bends as a result, and students were able to observe this happening, and then make careful measurements from their diagrams.

Refraction can be observed in many everyday situations; it's why water looks shallower than it really is, or why a straw in a glass of water looks bent or broken.

Architecture Club Update

By Lakshaa Srishankar, 7Sycamore

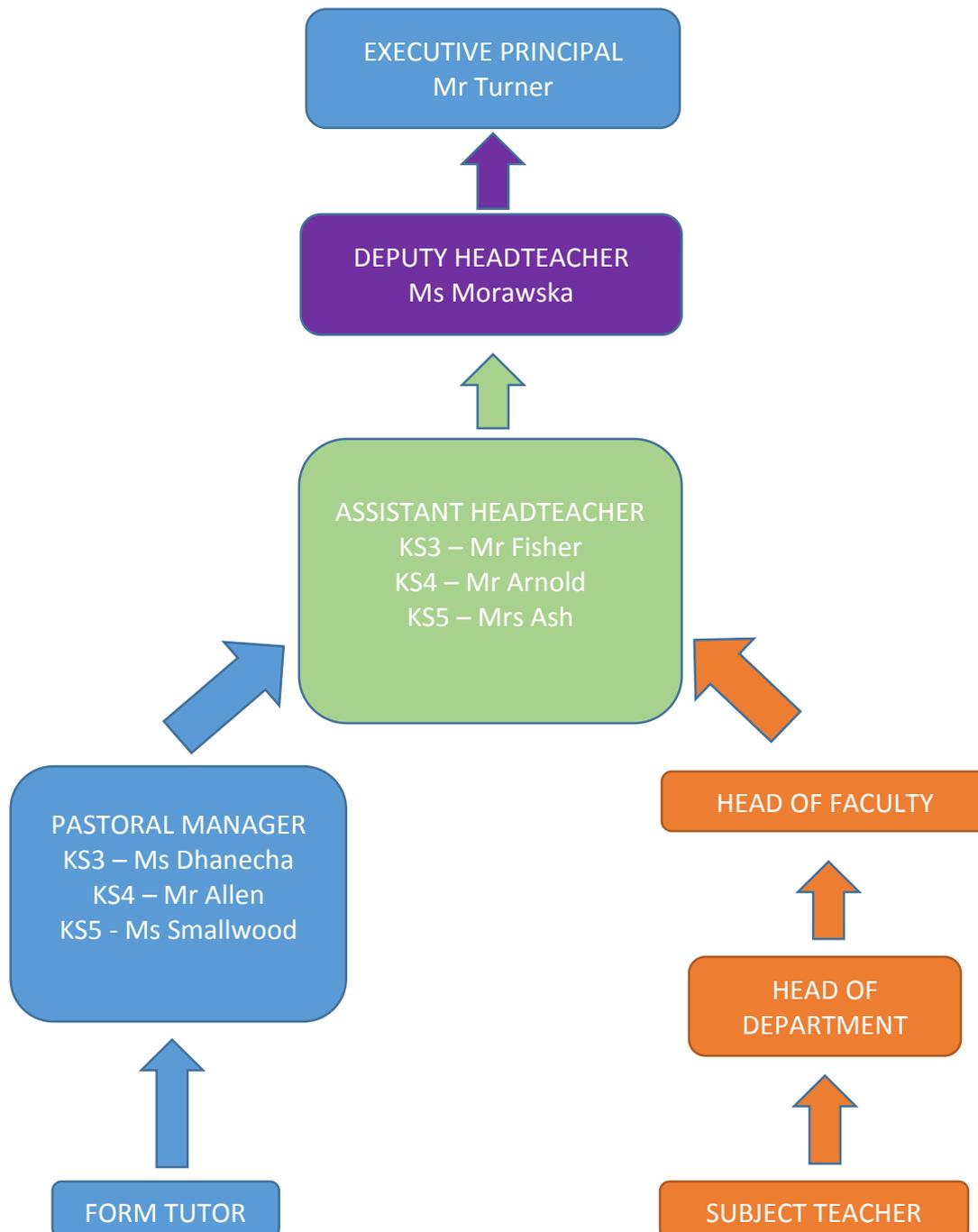


Over the last couple of weeks, the members of the Architecture Club have been making the Eiffel tower. Now, some people think this would be very easy to make, but it took about one and a half months just to complete the base of the Eiffel tower, and all of us are proud of this accomplishment.

We all put our effort into making this, and I would like to thank Mr Donovan for encouraging us and helping us to make the model look great. I am looking forward to seeing the final product and I hope you are as well.

Channels of Communication

In a large school it is important to know who to contact if you would like to raise a concern or provide us with information. If you have a concern you would like to share with the school regarding your son or daughter your first point of contact needs to be the subject teacher or the form tutor. They can be contacted via the school email: reception@busheymeads.org.uk , marking it for their attention, or by telephone: 020 8950 3000.



High Achiever Awards at Bushey Meads School

This year the school has introduced a special new award for students called a High Achiever Award.

Throughout the year, every half term, each faculty is asked to nominate one student from each year group to receive a High Achiever Award based on the student's work, effort, attitude and achievements made throughout the previous half term.

Each student who receives a High Achiever Award will have their name published in the weekly newsletter, and a copy of their certificate displayed on High Achiever noticeboards which are placed in prominent places around the school site. They will also will receive a letter of recognition from the school and their certificate is posted home to their parents.

I am delighted that the following students all received a High Achiever Award for their work during the last half term. We congratulate them all for their recent success.

Computing and Future Skills

- ❖ Rachel McKenna 7A for outstanding work in Future Skills
- ❖ Shrey Shah 8O for amazing work this term
- ❖ Aaron Robinson 9A for putting in so much effort into all the work he hands in
- ❖ Kimeera Naidoo 10B for Outstanding GCSE work (Lesson and homework)
- ❖ Noah Malancinas 11W for excellent attitude and effort across all parts of the GCSE course
- ❖ Albert Stoker 12M for excellent attitude and effort
- ❖ Jamie Finch 13M for excellent work in A-Level IT

Design and Technology

- ❖ Charlie Lyall 8E for a very high standard of designing and making skills, and being helpful to others
- ❖ Simeon Ben-Nathan 9O for excellent focus and effort throughout textiles project, great quality work
- ❖ Yennie Chang 10B for consistently high level of effort and excellent quality in Textiles
- ❖ Tommy O'Sullivan 11E for excellent attitude and effort in Catering across all parts of the course
- ❖ Albert Stoker 12M for excellent mentoring and support of younger students in Design & Technology lessons
- ❖ Jacob Quinn 13M for excellent effort in his project work and a great STEM LEADER helping in STEM events

English

- ❖ Ayesha Sindhi 7B for making a superb effort with all work
- ❖ Darsh Patel 8O for making a superb effort with all work
- ❖ Leon Hirsh 9B for making a superb effort with all work
- ❖ Ella Hale 10W for making a superb effort with all work
- ❖ Laura McKenzie 11O for making a superb effort with all work
- ❖ Carly Williams 12W for making a superb effort with all work
- ❖ James Wright 13M for making a superb effort with all work

Humanities

- ❖ Asma Bengherifa 7S for Positive attitude and effort in her lessons
- ❖ Molly Wray 8S for positive attitude and dedication in History
- ❖ Paige Benjamin 9O for always being cheerful and keen to do well in R.E. and for having a great attitude
- ❖ Somer-Lily Blakey 10W for excellent attitude in Geography - always keen to succeed
- ❖ Louis Smart 11A for having a first class attitude in History; excellent written work and good participation in lessons
- ❖ Nazia Ishaq 12B for having a fabulous attitude in R.S.; always keen and pro-active
- ❖ Hannah Holden 13M for making an excellent start to the A2 Geography course; always keen and hard working

Modern Foreign Languages and Global Links

- ❖ Dainella Henson 7W for excellent homework
- ❖ Marie Hofer Tillyer 8O for consistent effort
- ❖ Salil Sindhi 9S for always going above and beyond with all of his work
- ❖ Nadia Naghibi 10O for her excellent participation in both languages
- ❖ Evie Hewitt 11O for consistently exceeding expectations
- ❖ Shriya Pandya 12W for excellent work in and out of class
- ❖ Nat Ileteo 13E for mentoring other students

Learning Support

- ❖ Brian Hope 7O for having a positive attitude and trying his best
- ❖ George Hinkley 8M for continuing hard work, positive attitude, particularly during IT lessons
- ❖ Megan Hughes 9S for trying hard to increase her independence skills
- ❖ Ben Heels 10E for well focussed and hard work during recent assessments
- ❖ Curtis Murphy 11W for good attitude and hard work
- ❖ Charlie Baker 13W for continuing help and support in extra curricular BOCCIA activities and SEN PE

Maths

- ❖ Sarrina Freeman 7B for highest level of effort being applied in lessons and homework
- ❖ Marie Hofer Tillyer 8O for highest level of effort being applied in lessons and homework
- ❖ Daisy Olyett 9B for highest level of effort being applied in lessons and homework
- ❖ Maisie Benton 10A for highest level of effort being applied in lessons and homework
- ❖ Shea Jones 11S for highest level of effort being applied in lessons and homework
- ❖ Sean Jennings 12S for highest level of effort being applied in lessons and homework
- ❖ Zara Gheasuddine 13M for highest level of effort being applied in lessons and homework

Performing and Visual Arts

- ❖ Bethany Trickett 7O for excellent work and enthusiasm across the Arts subjects and commitment to extra curricular clubs
- ❖ Eleanor Vroome 8E for outstanding achievement in Drama and an exemplary attitude
- ❖ Keeley Geraghty 9M for consistently high quality of work in Art and excellent attitude
- ❖ Amira Izhar 10O for continued high achievement and excellent attitude in GCSE Drama
- ❖ Curtis Murphy 11W for having a fantastic attitude and high quality of work in BTEC Performing Arts
- ❖ Hannah Grimston 12A for a superb effort and attitude towards work in Art and Drama and Theatre Studies
- ❖ Saskia Hirsh 13E for an excellent attitude in Music, Drama and Theatre Studies and superb achievement in BTEC Music

Science

- ❖ Jack James 7O for outstanding effort in Science over the half term
- ❖ Jack Tebbits 8E for fantastic effort and real focus during all his science lessons
- ❖ Maya Parmer 9B for consistently high levels of commitment, effort and behaviour
- ❖ Shane Coelho 10E for consistently high levels of commitment, effort and behaviour
- ❖ Gracie Hill 11M for resilience and determination in all her science lessons
- ❖ Carly Williams 12W for determination and focus in lessons, taking a proactive approach to her own learning
- ❖ Sophia Colville 13M for Consistently high levels of effort and commitment to her studies

Social Sciences

- ❖ Yennie Chang 10B for her enthusiasm and effort in Business Studies, which is commendable. She is also to be congratulated for her role in the recent Enterprise Live Challenge
- ❖ Olivia Muckley 11M for her hard, consistent work in Childcare
- ❖ Lauren Hemmings 12A for her consistent effort and focus in Psychology
- ❖ Luke De Venny 13B for his excellent start to the Law A2 course, particularly the first essay - always enthusiastic and interested.

Its Your Choice...

By Mrs McIldowie, Work Related Learning

The school has purchased an excellent online publication called 'It's Your Choice', available free of charge to our Year 11 students and their parents. The publication offers impartial advice around post 16 options. Please click on the following link to access <http://tinyurl.com/bmiyc14>

Should any Year 11 students require a guidance interview in relation to their CV or Personal Statement writing please contact the WRL office to arrange an appointment.

Lunchtime Musical Activities at BMS

By Jeremy Turner, Executive Principal

Lunchtimes are always busy places around the school at BMS and there are always a good number of students involved in a real variety of different activities around the school site.



In the busy Music Department a number of contrasting activities were taking place just before half term - ranging from some stunning Les Miserable vocal rehearsals, to a great band session for Jack, Jay, Alastair and Jordan in Year 10 who were also practising hard for their next performance.

Anti-Bullying Week 14th–21st November 2014

By Miss Hazell, Head of Choice

Anti-Bullying Week takes place every year to raise awareness of bullying. The event aims to encourage everyone to work together to combat the issue.

This year we are encouraging all of our students to take part in a competition run by the Anti- Bullying Alliance. They would like students to demonstrate how initiatives run by young people can stop bullying, this can be done through a piece of artwork, music or film.

I hope you agree that this is a very important topic and whilst bullying is not a big issue at BMS, it is something which happens at every school and something we all need to tackle when it does. If you have any concerns linked to this or would like any more information you can contact the school Anti Bullying coordinators (Nicky Day and Julie Clayton) or look at the following websites, which provide information for students and parents.

<http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/advice/parents-carers.aspx>

<http://www.safenetwork.org.uk>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Secondary/Risks/Cyberbullying/>

<http://www.childline.org.uk/Explore/Bullying/Pages/Bullying.aspx>

Good luck!

Actionwork's 2014 Anti-Bullying Week Competition

"Lets Stop Bullying For All"

Sponsored by **Groupcall**

€300
First Prize



This is an exciting opportunity to help engage students and young people in activities for Anti Bullying Week and beyond.

How to enter: Demonstrate how initiatives led by young people can help stop bullying and cyberbullying for everyone whatever their ability.

You can design a gadget, draw a picture, write a story, song or poem, take a photo, shoot a film or documentary. Entries can be fun, entertaining, serious, creative, colourful, futuristic, different but must be your own work.

Free Entry.

First prize: £300 (£150 each to the winner and their school)

Second prize: £75

5 runner-up prizes of £20

All winners, runner-ups and shortlisted entries will be displayed in the Anti Bullying Week online gallery

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Important

- All work including written, recorded or artwork must be your own original work.
- Maximum size: 1 side of A4 or 2-minutes of film/recorded.
- Everyone involved, performed or worked on a film must be credited in end credits.
- You cannot use copyright material including songs/music for films or recordings.
- You must send original artwork (photocopies will not be accepted).
- Enclose an SAE if you want artwork returned.
- Film formats: mov or mp4.
- You must complete an entry form for each entry (attached to entry).
- Entry is free. You can send in multiple entries.
- Entries must be done by people under the age of 18-years.

Closing date for entries is 12th December 2014.

Please send entries to Actionwork with a completed entry form signed by parent/guardian. Winners will be notified after the 25th January 2015. Judges decision is final.




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Free Entry
£300 first prize
More information:
www.actionwork.com
www.antibullyingweek.co.uk

Debating Society: Debating Matters competition held at UCL on 6 November 2014

By Mrs Pinkus & the Debating Society

To mark the start of the new academic year, Bushey Meads entered the Debating Matters competition, which comprises regional heats across the UK.



Our entry was included in the London heat and we were set against Fortismere School for the debate title: 'Sportspeople should not be seen as role models'.

Our two speakers, year 12 Sherkan Malik and Elodie Mayo were proposing this motion and were set against Fortismere's two sixth form debaters. Judges for the event were Frances Bates, Euromoney Institutional Investor plc - Home Start Lambeth, Kunal Dutta of The Independent and Channel 4 News and Jane Sandeman, Director of Finance and Resources, Cardinal Hume.

Having presented the arguments, all speakers were asked questions by the team of judges who decided in favour of the opposition, that in fact Sportspeople should be seen as role models. However, our speakers were congratulated for their efforts and Sherkan was awarded the Best Speaker award of the evening. Hearty congratulations to both.

Prior to this, Kevin Tailor and Dylan Kelly were asked to present their arguments against the motion: 'There is no longer a need for public libraries'. Disappointingly the school against whom they had been set for the challenge pulled out and our two speakers faced the daunting task of being challenged by three demanding judges: Kunal Dutta (see above), Dr Lee Jones, Senior Lecturer in Politics at Queen Mary, University of London and Dr Nicholas Silk, Insurance Supervisor of the Bank of England. This was a very demanding session but our two year 12 students faced this challenge with confidence and fortitude and they too were congratulated for standing firm against such knowledgeable judges.



The debating society enjoyed this evening and are now looking forward to taking part in the Hertfordshire Schools Challenge at the Houses of Parliament on 11 December 2014.

The Debating Society meets each Wednesday at lunchtime in H2 and welcomes all who wish to be involved. Look out for our next debate which will be advertised shortly.

THE AWARD-WINNING ULTIMATE PLUM PUDDING

Due to the increasing success year on year of the 'Ultimate Plum Pudding' we are once again offering these puddings to you – and still at the 2010 price of just **£5.00**.

The Ultimate Plum Pudding Company is a small organisation based in Kendal, Cumbria, who is committed to sustainable production. The puddings are endorsed by the BBC Good Food Magazine and The Guild of Fine Food, and they have received no less than three gold awards by the Great Taste Awards. This year they are very proud to announce that Fortnum and Mason are now also selling their puddings (at a cost of far in excess of £5 we are sure!).

All the vine fruits are soaked overnight in oodles of brandy and dry sherry. Only the finest ingredients are used and include almonds, walnuts, stem ginger, apricots, cherries, freshly grated carrots as well as the best raisins and sultanas. It's light, sweet, aromatic and tastes exquisite!

The Ultimate Plum Pudding is not available in high street supermarkets so it makes for a very special gift for family and friends, especially as it will come packaged with a Bushey Meads personalised logo and Christmas greeting from all the staff and students.

To order your 1lb (450g) Ultimate Plum Pudding (which serves 4 - 6) please complete the form below and return it to the student window, marking your envelope 'Xmas Pud order' and enclosing correct payment. We have ordered a limited supply of these puddings so the Ultimate Plum Pudding will be available on a first come, first served basis. To secure your pudding place your order as soon as possible!

Forms can be obtained from the Student Window.

Best Wishes
Mrs Armitage, PA to Executive Principal



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I would like to order an Ultimate Plum Pudding

I enclose £5 in CASH / CHEQUE * (please delete as appropriate) for each pudding ordered, cheques made payable to Bushey Meads School.

NUMBER OF PUDDINGS REQUIRED: _____

(Your child will be notified when the pudding(s) is ready for collection from Student Reception).

NAME OF CHILD: FORM:

Return this slip with payment to the student window.



THE SKILLS SHOW EXPERIENCE

Supported by The Skills Show, the European Social Fund and the National Careers Service

DATE 20 November
09:30 - 15:30

VENUE Watford Football Club,
Vicarage Road, Watford,
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