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## Textiles Club

*By Aaron Robinson, 9Ash and Joshua, 9Ash*

Textiles club is a small club run by Mrs Freeman every Tuesday lunchtime. Students of all ages and ability levels are welcome to join textiles club and help to complete the many projects we are undertaking at this time.

We have recently finished the first of four wall hangings which are to be displayed in the hospitality suite. These projects allow students to improve their skills on the sewing machines, stencil printing and transfer printing. As well as many other skills involved in textiles.

In the future we hope that our numbers will grow. This will allow us to complete more projects therefore making textiles club more fun for the members and have a bigger influence on the school and students.

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# Bushey Meads NEWS



## Diary Dates

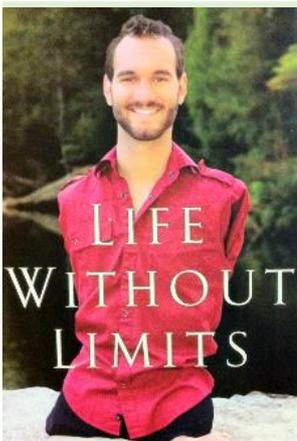
2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014  
Year 13 Enrichment Day

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014  
Year 13 Student Finance Tour

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014  
SLC Meeting, 6<sup>th</sup> Form Centre

3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014  
Year 10, Year 12 & Year 13  
Ski Presentation Evening

11<sup>th</sup> December 2014  
Sixth Form Open Evening



## Theme of the Week – Realising Your Potential

By Sara Ash, Assistant Headteacher KS5

The Heads of House have lead House assemblies this week on the theme of Realising Your Potential. In form time, students have in particular looked at how adopting a positive attitude and persevering can help you to succeed.

They watched some videos of Nick Vujicic and discussed how he has persevered to overcome difficulties in his life and how having a “can do” approach to life and to learning will bring success.

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

## KEY STAGE 4



### Yennie, 10 Beech

Yennie has 100% attendance for the period May - Nov 14 and has accrued 154 achievement points so far this school term.

Yennie has received commendation from Ms Pinkus for her excellent effort in the enterprise challenge and for her work throughout the year.

She was a student helper at the Bushey Meads Open evening and has entered the anti bullying competition.

## KEY STAGE 5



### Elizabeth, 13 Maple

Our KS5 student of the week this week is Elizabeth who is currently in Year 13. She has been awarded this for her service to the school by supporting at parents evenings, visiting Little Reddings as part of her community service and being an excellent role model as Head Prefect.

Elizabeth is currently studying Biology, Government and Politics and Photography.

## Senior Student Learning Consultants Present Survey Results to Senior Leadership Team

By Ms Morawska, Deputy Headteacher

On Monday evening, two brilliant Year 13 students (John Elliott and Saskia Hirsch) presented the results of the Student Teaching and Learning Survey, which was recently completed. This survey, run by our Student Learning Consultants, was collated by our senior students and post discussion with Ms Morawska, the main items for inclusion in the survey results, were agreed.

John and Saskia then volunteered to present the results to the school's leadership team, which took place on Monday. Both students spoke knowledgeably and were able to field teaching and learning questions from the panel. Much was learnt from this survey and both John and Saskia discussed how further this information could be used in support of improved learning experiences. Ms Morawska meets with the senior students fortnightly and this will be high on the agenda.

# An Important Two Weeks for Year 11 Students

By Mr Arnold, Assistant Headteacher – KS4



Year 11 students begin their Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December and for the next 2 weeks will be sitting important exams in each of their examined KS4 subjects in between attending their regular lessons. This year, exams will be held in the school's gymnasium.

I am sure that students will maintain their immaculate standards of uniform and also in keeping with the main purpose of the PPEs - to provide the students with an experience as close as possible to the official GCSE exams in the summer - students have been briefed about examination regulations and the need to arrive with all the correct equipment in a see-through pencil case. Before entering an exam, students have also been asked to place all valuables, coats and bags in their lockers.

Arriving on time for exams will be crucial and students know to arrive at the gymnasium no later than 15 minutes before the start and to check their PPE timetables well in advance.

Perfect attendance during this fortnight will also ensure that every student fully benefits and leaves students feeling confident and prepared to embark upon the final stage of their KS4 education in the run up to Summer 2015.

Good Luck Year 11!



## Bushey Meads School Radio

*Mr Besisira, Computing & Future Skills Teacher*

The Bushey Meads School Radio has been up and running since the beginning of term and has drawn a lot of attention with requests (birthday or favourite songs) on a daily basis from those student who are in the restaurant.

I have even seen student singing along in the restaurant making their experience at lunch memorable. Students have had the pleasure of listening to music from different backgrounds and genres which has been really good to hear from staff and students alike.



We have had a themed day for Black History Month in October where DJ's were playing songs from black artists ranging from Michael Jackson to Stevie Wonder. With Xmas coming fast round the corner it would be a great opportunity to have some Xmas requests. To do so all you have to do is e-mail in your request to [school-radiobusheymeads.org.uk](mailto:school-radiobusheymeads.org.uk).

I would like to take the opportunity to thanks Devan and Erikson and all the DJ's for their time and effort which they have put in to the make Bushey Meads School radio a success.



## Year 13 Activities

*By Diana McIlldowie – Head of Work Related Learning*

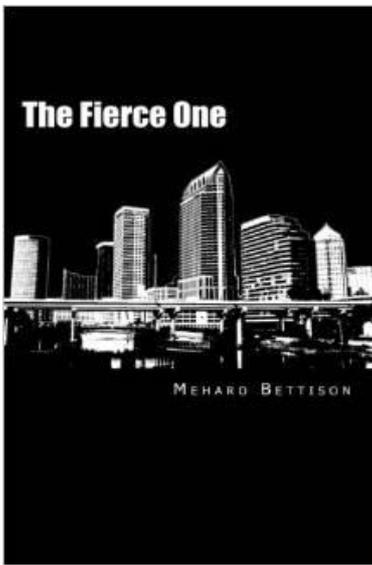
### Year 13 Enrichment Day - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December all Year 13 students will be taking part in a 'Career Enrichment Day'. Representatives from Corporate Industry, West Herts College and University of Hertfordshire are examples of those who have agreed to help with this important event and will be interviewing students during their individual half hour appointments.

This is a very important day and we have some very prestigious people coming in who will be giving their free time. Students will be expected to treat this opportunity as if it was a 'real interview' and will receive feedback relating to their interview skills, CV and personal statements which will be invaluable for the future. Please make sure students check when their interview is scheduled for - a schedule will be available in the Sixth Form area.

### Year 13 Student Finance Tour – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 8.40am in the Sixth Form study area all Y13 students will attend a student finance tour given by Michael Hammond. This will take the form of a presentation followed by a question and answer session which will last approximately 25 minutes. This session is to assist the students so that they feel fully equipped to support themselves through the decision to study a higher education course at university or college and the process of applying for student finance.



## Past BMS Student Publishes Book

*By Nicky Day*

Many of our students go on to achieve great things after leaving our wonderful school, taking with them all the skills and attributes that the hard working staff here at BMS inculcate in them during the time that they are at the school. One such example is Meharo Bettison.

Meharo Bettison, who attended Bushey Meads from 2008 until 2010, has had his first book, 'The Fierce One', published. Meharo returned to his home in St Petersburg, Florida after completing his GCSEs. He started writing the book whilst here in the UK and is already writing his second novel 'It Never Snows in Florida'.

## Year 7 Parents Consultation Evening

*By Ms Dhanacha, Pastoral Manager – KS3*

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November saw the first of Key Stage 3's Parents Consultation Evenings of the year. The evening was very well attended with lots going including an online survey which was fully supported by our team of IT technicians, parent packs were given out, refreshments were served and of course it was the perfect opportunity for parents and carers to meet their children's teachers.

I wanted to say a big thank you to all who attended and for all of the positive comments you made about the school and our staff. It was certainly uplifting to hear how happy the children are at Bushey Meads and how well they are progressing. I would also like to thank our group of Year 8, Year 9 and Sixth Form students who helped out on the evening. All in all, a successful evening!

## Netball Sessions at Bushey Academy

Years 7-9      3.30-4.45pm, Tuesdays, £2.00 per session  
Over 16s      6-7pm, Tuesdays, £2.00 per session

## Can you help us?

*By Mr Knowles, Head of Arts Faculty*

With rehearsals for this year's school production of Les Miserables well underway, our thoughts turn to creating an eye-catching and exciting set.

One of BTEC Performing Arts students - Curtis Murphy - has been busy designing the set for this show and his ideas look excellent.

Can you help us? To create the barricade scene we need wooden barrels, crates, old chairs - anything that looks like it may be found in 19th Century Paris. We are also looking for someone who might have access to several pub tables needed for the innkeeper's scene. Please contact Mr. Knowles via the school e-mail ([knowlesg@busheymeads.org.uk](mailto:knowlesg@busheymeads.org.uk)) if you think you might be able to help.



# MFL Speaking assessment success!

*By Ms Dawon, Head of MFL Faculty*



Last week, Year 10 MFL students encountered their first 'proper' GCSE assessment in the shape of a very demanding speaking assessment worth 15% of their total grade. The preparation for this started way back in June and students have been revising hard with their teachers to ensure success. Despite the taxing nature of this exam, students have performed in an outstanding manner and many attended all the daily revision sessions provided by every GCSE teacher, often multiple times a day!

In Mrs Dawson's class, special praise for their hard work must go to Sam Baker, Jessie Boseley, Josh Buchanan, Ryle Bumagat, Niamh Cooper, Christian De-Venney, Amira Izhar, Thimeshi Kulasinghe, Archer Levy and Nadia Naghibi.

In Mrs Charles' class, the following students performed very well: Eliana Hanton, Eleanor Wellock, Ella Hale, Harry Eagell, Matin Mansouri, Imogen Vincent, Angela Megroff and Sarah Badry.

Mrs Reid wishes to nominate Tehya Bingham Thaker, Brittany Hughes, Emre Killinc, Maddie Parker and especially Lyes Titouah for allowing the class to listen to and peer mark his oral exam in order to understand the mark scheme better.

Miss Garcia mentions these students as having performed very well: Sam Farman, Lucy Parker, Sarah Hastie, Hashim Minhas, Laila Hersi, Somer-Lily Blakey and Andrew Powell.

All of these students have worked particularly hard to ensure that they were ready on time and have put in the effort to achieve success.

Congratulations to all of you!



## District Cross-Country Championships 2015

*By Mr Cartledge, Head of PE & Health Faculty*

Over the last 2 weeks the District Cross Country Championships have been taking place at Aldenham Park. As ever competition has been fierce with over 100 students from local schools participating in the Year 7 races. The year 7, 9 and Senior Boys and Girls races took place on Tues 11th November with the best performance from Sonny Hwangbo in Year 13 who came a very creditable 10<sup>th</sup> in the Senior Boys race.

Other notable performances included:

- Emily Jarman – 15<sup>th</sup> Senior Girls
- Gracie Hill – 28<sup>th</sup> Senior Girls
- James Kimber – 17<sup>th</sup> Year 7 Boys
- Jake Watt – 30<sup>th</sup> Year 7 Boys
- Euan Enright – 17<sup>th</sup> Year 9 Boys
- Curtis Meale - 18<sup>th</sup> Year 9 Boys
- Olivia McManus – 23<sup>rd</sup> Year 9 Girls

## Just One Step

*By Hope Feasey, Correspondent for the Arts Faculty*

In September of 2013, a competition opportunity arose for the Year 9 students at Bushey Meads School. The competition involved creating and performing a play on the theme of Crime Prevention. Assembling a talented team of actors, artists and writers, they got to work.



Firstly, they had to write a script. If the judges liked this, they would then get through to the next round. This meant that they would be able to perform it to Bernie Keyte, the creator of the competition. 'Just One Step' explores how pathways to crime develop and how we as a nation are flawed in our knowledge of crime.

After submitting the script, this gifted group of students got through to the next round and began to bring their play to life. They then found themselves at the Maltings Theatre, St Albans in the final stage and winning the competition.

On the 4th and 5th of November 2014, the group went back again to the Maltings Theatre to perform Just One Step again. This time, it was for the grand opening of a brand new charity called Resist. The charity is aimed at helping young people resist taking the wrong paths in life. At the grand opening, the audience included magistrates and ex-offenders. Bernie Keyte is currently looking to get funding from the Howard League to get Just One Step performed in schools around the country to benefit young people.

The students that participated in the most recent performance of 'Just One Step': Georgina Collings, Harry Egell, Sarah Hastie, Amira Izhar, Isobel Malin, Shaun Moran, Andrew Powell, Isabella Stovey, Imogen Vincent and Danielle Weatherhead. They were supported by technicians Sam Basnett and Tristan Crampton.

As well as performing 'Just One Step' three times, the students also got the amazing opportunity to showcase an original play that Bernie Keyte wrote for them. "We all thoroughly enjoyed this experience and the developments that have come from being submitted into the competition" said Amira Izhar, one of the performers. This was an incredible achievement for our Year 10 students and congratulations to them for all of their hard work and commitment. It clearly has paid off. Well done!

## Sharing Good Practice Between Two Local Schools

*By Ms Morawska, Deputy Headteacher*

On Tuesday evening, staff from our neighbouring school (Falconer) met with key staff to discuss an aspect of teaching and learning. This was an excellent example of school to school support and part of our sharing good practice agenda, where staff expertise was used to develop knowledge, skills and understanding of others. As always, when practice is shared, it enables staff to reflect on their own practice and consider, how too, this can be adapted. We look forward to working with many schools in similar vein.

# ESAA Award Scheme 2014

By Mr Cartledge, Head of PE & Health Faculty

This summer all students in Year 10 took part in the English Schools Athletics Award scheme. This a nationally recognised athletics scheme where students are timed and measured performing the full range of running, jumping and throwing events. Students participated in the Triathlon Award where each student required one jump, one run and one throw at either Bronze, Silver or Gold standard. The students responded really well to the challenges with many coming at lunchtimes to improve their personal bests.

After the summer of athletics 76 students achieved at BRONZE STANDARD, 22 at SILVER STANDARD and one student achieved the top award of GOLD STANDARD. Well to Lyes Titouah whose performances in the 400m, Discus and Long Jump gave him the top award. Well done to all students with those not achieving the overall Bronze standard all achieving Bronze in individual events. The students are pictured with their certificates.



# The Debating Society: 19 November 2014

## This House would legalise prostitution.

Prostitution is legal in some countries; however, prostitution is considered so serious a crime that it is punishable by death in other countries. How would Bushey Meads debating society vote on this topic?



This was an exciting debate presented admirably by our year 11 and year 12 speakers. Proposing the motion were Sam Bonner, Daniel Ellis and Sherkan Malik; opposing the motion were Aliyah Safdar-Ahmed and Deborah Gosden.

Speakers were encouraged by the participation of the audience who were keen to ask questions and to put forward their views, to the extent that if not for the bell the debate would have continued into the evening.

Thank you to all who participated and to Dylan Kelly for chairing this debate. The vote was drawn with each side receiving the same number.

This topic continues to be one that will be debated for many years to come.

The Society is now preparing for the challenge at the Houses of Parliament, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you want to join us and be a member of this fantastic group, please see Mrs Pinkus in room H2 to have your name added to our list.



# Science Revision

By Mr Bilton, Head of Science Faculty

Learning Science is like learning a new language. Hundreds of technical keywords and terms, and students need to know what they mean and how to use them. Year 11 students tested their knowledge of keywords using 'Tarsias'; jigsaws where students have to match keywords with definitions. Revision needs to be engaging and interactive, and this was a great way of providing that stimulus.



## Word of the Week

By Mr Dawson, Head of English Faculty

### Really (adjective and adverb)

An intensifier, a word which adds weight and emphasis to many nouns and verbs.

Example: I will tell you what I want, what I really, really, want...

Example: This book has sold really well.

Comment: This week's word of the week is really a non-word of the week. Really. It is acceptable in talk. In writing it can mark you out as one who understands, but who struggles to express oneself with style. And style is what counts.

The alternatives for really are...

truly...hugely...intensely...massively...significantly...supremely...crucially...  
interestingly...amazingly...fabulously...uniquely...

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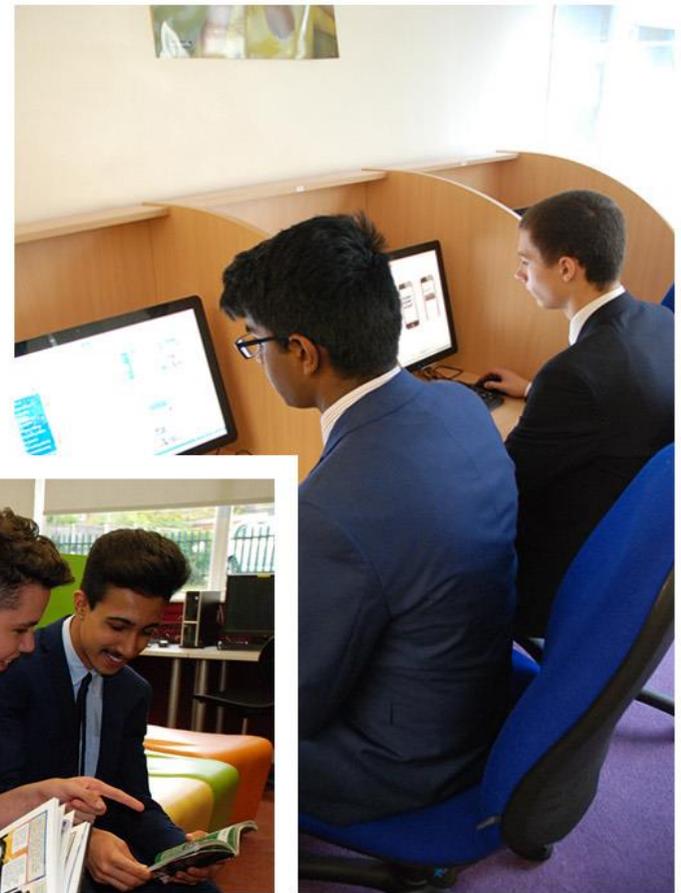
I enclose £5 in CASH / CHEQUE \* (please delete as appropriate) for each pudding ordered, cheques made payable to Bushey Meads School.

NUMBER OF PUDDINGS REQUIRED: \_\_\_\_\_

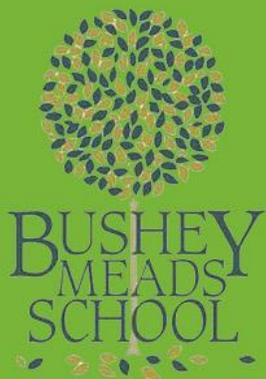
(Your child will be notified when the pudding(s) is ready for collection from Student Reception).

NAME OF CHILD: ..... FORM: .....

**Return this slip with payment to the student window.**



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# Sixth Form OPEN EVENING

Thursday 11 December 7-9pm

*'An outstanding and inclusive 6th form'*

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