

## Year 10 PPE Week

Year 10 students have already experienced formal GCSE Examinations having recently sat papers in Science and for some, in Statistics, with all students coping very well.

Fresh from this experience, with their confidence high, the Year 10 students will sit Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) in most subjects from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June until Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

The PPEs provide another opportunity for students to sit an intensive period of exams in preparation for the rest of their GCSE examinations in May and June 2016. They also enable teachers to gauge the progress being made by students in their subject areas and to arrange intervention wherever appropriate.

Students will receive their PPE results in a specially convened motivational assembly just before the end of term. More details about this will follow.

I am sure that students will take these exams seriously by preparing properly for them, revising for approximately two hours per day.

Students have been issued with a copy of the timetable, also available on the school's website, and a covering letter has also been sent home. Information and advice on revision techniques are available on the KS4 Academic News section of the website.

Good luck to everyone!

Mr Arnold – Assistant Headteacher KS4

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## Dates for the Diary

**22- 26 June -GCSE and A Level Exams**

**22 June**

**Y10** Pre Public Exams Week

**Y5** Technology Week

**24 June**

**Y7-10** District Athletics Championships

**Y11** Prom

**25 June**

**Y13** Leavers Assembly

**Y10** Drama Theatre Trip

**26 June**

**Y12** DoE Silver Award Practice Expedition

**Y13** Prom

**INSET DAY** – No students in school

**27 June**

**Y6** Family Fun Day & BBQ

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

## KEY STAGE 3



### **Alex – 7 Ash**

This week's student of the week is Alex, for his exemplary contribution to the BMS Buddies initiative. The BMS buddies are year 7 students who have been selected for their excellent conduct at school. These students will be ambassadors for the school and assist in the 6 into 7 transition. Alex has been key in assisting Mr Malik in training the BMS Buddies to ensure they perform their roles to the best of their ability. Thank you for all your dedication and commitment to Bushey Meads, it is much appreciated.

## KEY STAGE 4



### **Juliana - 10 Beech**

Juliana is this week's KS4 student of the week. Juliana recently received an amazing 4 R4s in one day for her outstanding summer term assessment, 100% attendance, 100% punctuality and receiving no consequences this term. Juliana is currently studying for her GCSE Statistics exam which she will sit this week. Well done Juliana and good luck in your exam.

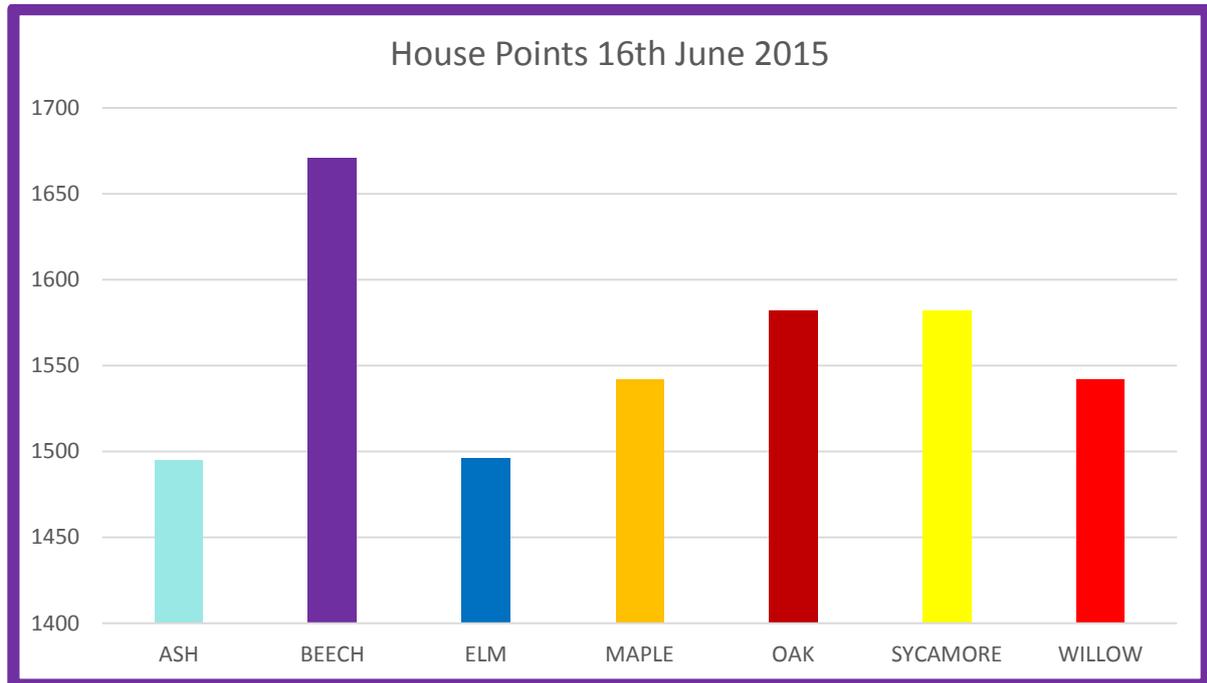
## KEY STAGE 5



### **Karuna – 12 Beech**

This week's student of the week is Karuna. She has been awarded this for excellent attitude to learning. She is currently studying Biology, French, Geography and Psychology.

# House Points Update



Current house points totals:

BEECH	1671
OAK	1582
SYCAMORE	1582
MAPLE	1542
WILLOW	1542
ELM	1496
ASH	1495

There has been a big change in the House points standings! Beech House is still reigning supreme at the moment, but with the addition of the 100% attendance and punctuality for a half term reward points being added, it has completely changed the rest of the table. Oak and Sycamore Houses are sharing second place and Maple and Willow are also neck and neck. Elm House is only 1 point ahead of Ash House so a lot of change could still happen in these last few weeks!

# UKMT Maths challenge results

Mr Senessie – Maths Teacher



In March, a group of Year 8 students were pushed to the limit of their mathematical abilities and made to complete the UKMT Mathematics Challenge. Underwritten by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust and supported by both the Institute and faculty of Actuaries and Oxford Asset Management, each year thousands of students up and down the country sit the one hour challenge prepared to test students' logical and abstract mathematical thinking patterns.

The atmosphere was electric as the group of 62 Year 8 students filed into G8 with only one question on their mind. Had they achieved it? Had they earned a certificate? Was it Gold, Silver or Bronze?

This year produced one of the best results ever. Altogether, 27 students won an award with 18 winning Bronze, 8 winning Silver and 1 winning Gold. Our champion Sadiq Kazmi who was the only person to win Gold also qualified for the Kangaroo Challenge, which is only offered to a minority of students with the best results in the country.

We are very proud of our Year 8 students who rose to the challenge and everyone who sat the competition will be getting a certificate of participation.

## Trenches Trip - October 9th 2015

Mr Newbold – Head of History



The History department is organising a day visit to Ypres and surrounding area for our current Year 8 students.

The date of the trip is October 9th by which time our current Year 8 students will be in Year 9 and studying the First World War in their History lessons. The visit involves an early start- we will be leaving school at 5 am, but it promises to be a fabulous day out if it is anything like last year's trip. We hope to visit sites including Sanctuary wood (remains of trenches), Passchendaele Memorial Museum, and the cemeteries at Tyne Cot and

Langemark. Every Year 8 student should have been given a letter by now (replies due back by July 3rd) but if you would like any further information please contact me - Mr. Newbold - at school.



# The Prison of Souls

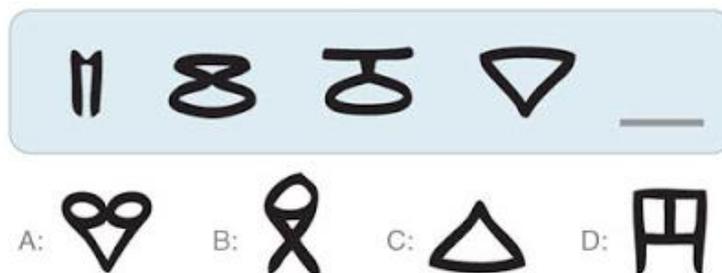
## Part 1 of 4

Mr Bilton – Head of Science

This is the first part of a puzzle adventure. Read the story and try and solve the puzzles. Email your answer to the puzzles to **Mr Bilton** by Wednesday. There will be a prize at the end of term for the adventurer with the highest score.

You wake, your eyes quickly taking in your surroundings. You're in a prison cell; the rough stone floor covered with a thin layer of old straw. Iron bars separate your cell from a torch lit corridor, and you are all alone. You have no memory of why or how you've ended up locked in the cell, but you're certain you need to escape.

Looking around your cell, you notice that one of the bricks is carved with four strange shapes, and below that are four buttons, each carved with a single shape.



### ***Puzzle 1: Which button do you press?***

The iron door swings open, and you waste no time in leaving the cell. Making your way silently down the corridor, you can't help but feel that you're deep underground. The air feels stifling and humid, but as the floor begins to slope upwards you are hopeful that you will soon be free.

The corridor suddenly opens out into a large chamber. You can see two large wooden doors on the far side of the room, and standing beside each is a statue of a guardian knight. Carved above the doors is a message:

"One door leads to freedom. One door leads to death. One of the guardians always lies, and one is always truthful. You may ask one question"



### ***Puzzle 2: What question do you ask? Which door do you choose?***

Stepping through the door, you are relieved to have chosen correctly. Preparing yourself for the next challenges, you set off along a new corridor

# SAM Learning Surge!

Mr Arnold – Assistant Headteacher



SAM Learning is an online education service that supports personalised learning through a Self-Assessment Method of interactive revision and examination practice.

SAM Learning has been promoted across the Bushey Meads' curriculum throughout the year with, for example, assemblies focusing on students' SAM Learning achievements, reward points distributed to top SAM users and students given their own laminated SAM log-in details.

As a result, Bushey Meads' SAM Learning usage has increased phenomenally. To date, students have completed over 10,000 task hours, which is an incredible improvement on last year's 696 hours. Students not only believe that its usage has improved their academic performance but they also clearly enjoy the SAM Learning experience.

Isabel Raymond, a Year 11 student, offers this advice for all Year 10s about to take their PPEs:

"Sam Learning is a great site to use for quick revision boosts in the evening. I love it as I am a very competitive student who will do whatever it takes to be top of the leader board. The best way for revising I found, was to complete each task more than once in order to achieve a higher understanding of the topic as well as gaining more points. The better you do, the higher you climb up that leader board. I find Sam Learning a more relaxing way of revising in the evenings at home because I am able to sit down and pick any topic of my choosing."

I would like to congratulate all those students who have used SAM Learning over the academic year and urge anyone who has not fully engaged with SAM Learning to do so as it is proven to increase students' chances of success.

Keep up the good work!

## Year 12 Higher Education Information Evening



It was great to see so many parents and students attend the very important Year 12 Higher Education Information Evening on Wednesday evening this week.

Packed with useful information about those all-important next steps, it really prepared the students to think carefully about how best to prepare for this next exciting stage of their lives.

Mrs McIldowie, our exemplary Head of Work Related Learning added her expertise to the evening with other suggestions of how to 'stand out from the crowd' in any personal statement.



There were also some very informative presentations related to Apprenticeship Programmes and financial aspects of studying at university.

The evening was all part of the school's strategy to support all students to **Aspire to Achieve** during and beyond their years at BMS.

A huge thank you to the staff who organised the evening and best wishes to all our Year 12 students at this crucial time of their lives.



# Ash House Achievements

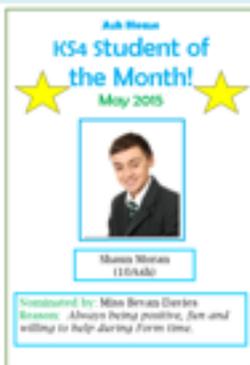
## THEME: ACHIEVEMENT

### Our inspirational quote:

*Keep your head up in failure  
and your head down in  
success.*

As we are now in the final half-term of this year, it is a time for Ash House Form Tutors, staff and students to reflect on their achievements. I am very proud, as the Head of Ash House, to reflect on numerous achievements and successes of Ash House students in a wide range of both group and individual activities, from charity events such as the Ash & Oak House Sports Lunchtime, the House Music Competition to numerous sports events, where Ash students have been awarded achievement points in recognition of successes in both team sports and Athletics. In particular, I am very proud of Ash House students who have stepped out of their comfort zone, accepted support and encouragement from staff and friends and have achieved individual and personal goals. In Ash House, we are keen to encourage students to seize opportunities that arise, to challenge themselves, to believe in their own efforts and to realise their potential. This is something we are passionate about and will continue to encourage students to continue achieving, in a wide area of academic and non-academic areas in 2015-16.

Miss Bevan-Davies



Shaun Moran is our first Ash House Student of the Month. His photo can be seen on our new Ash House Noticeboard shown below.



Ash House are very pleased to reveal their new noticeboard, which is displayed in the Quad/Playground and allows students to keep up to date with exciting news, events, to see who is 'Student of the Month' and as a way of publicly celebrating all Ash House achievements! An example of one such unique and impressive achievement is Jordan's, as explained below....

Jordan Burke (10Ash) has recently taken part in a charity event, organised by the RNLI. The challenge was to drink nothing but water for 10 days and in being sponsored to raise money for the organisation. Jordan said that he found it "challenging, particularly not being able to have a morning cup of tea, but it was worth the sacrifice to raise £60 for a worthy cause". Jordan is now inspired to find other ways of raising money for various charities. What an excellent achievement, well done Jordan!



## WHAT HAVE SOME OF OUR ASH HOUSE STUDENTS ACHIEVED THIS TERM?

### 7ASH



Christian Okeke

Mr Hawkins is very proud to recognise the following students' achievements:

Christian Okeke – Deputy Headteacher award for supporting in Art classes as Little Beddings School

Alex Pickles – Achieved a Grade 3 for Ice Skiing

Zak Kassapian – Received an RB from the Mr Turner for his charity work

Mohammed Djahnit – Won a football tournament on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June with CB Soccer

Ellie Grayling – Received High Achiever award for PE

Luka Koulevskyte – Attended a Governors' Meeting and represented the school

Mr Cartledge is incredible pleased that members of 8ASH achieved the following:

### 8ASH

Ayisha Rashid, Jack Leech, Connor Cameron, Yama Qarib, Ethan Fiordelisi & Thanujan Tharmakulasingham – for competing in numerous county Athletics competitions

Cormac Coyle – Achieving Grade 2 on the Saxophone

Sadia ...- For the highest in the UKMT Challenge & High Achiever Award for English

Ayisha...- High Achiever Award for Maths & Grade 3 on the Violin

Yama – Achieving Grade 4 on the Drums



Ayisha Rashid

### 10ASH



Maisie Benton

Miss Bevan-Davies, as Head of Ash House is very proud that members of her form are excellent role models to younger years, in achieving the following:

Jamira Ahmed, Beth Tolliday, Amy-Leigh Hartigan & Ella Villiers – competing as the Ash House Choir & leading an Ash Assembly  
Orran Syms, Alice Sherwood, Jamira Ahmed, Jessica Pickles & Jamie Rogerson – Selected to represent the school, aiding in interviews with new members of staff

Ben... - High Achiever Award in Science

Maisie Benton – High Achiever Award in Maths & Religious Studies

Matin Mansouri – Achieved an A\* in his ISA in Chemistry

And finally...

A huge **well done** to all Ash House students who have faced a challenging exam season and have no doubt **achieved personal goals** whilst revising in a consistent, focused and effective way. All of us in Ash House wish you all the best with your exam success!



# Sports Newsletter

Mr Cartledge – Head of PE Faculty

## County Athletics Championships

On Saturday 6th June, three of our students took part in the Hertfordshire County Athletics Championships. The Championships are only for the top athletes in the County who have achieved the County Qualifying standards. Special mention to Year 11 athlete Dominic Ashwell who recorded a time of 10.80 to win the Under 17 100m for the second year in a row. This is another fantastic achievement by Dominic who now qualifies to represent the County in the National Championships at Durham in July. Kaitlyn Williams in Year 7 produced a throw of 20.56m to come an excellent 2nd place in the U13 Girls Discus and has been chosen to represent Hertfordshire in an inter-counties event in London in July. Lauren Bayliss capped a very impressive first athletics season for the school with a very creditable 7th place in the Under 13 Girls 800m. Well done to all of our students.



## County Athletics League

Last Monday 15th June saw our athletics teams participate in the final County League athletics matches of the season. It has been a very tough end to the season but the students have continued to put in some excellent performances. There has been a real camaraderie in the squad and the PE Faculty would like to congratulate all the students who have represented the school in athletics this summer. Monday's match featured St Clement Danes, Longdean, Sir John Lawes and Kings Langley Schools. Amongst the best performances on the night were:

### JUNIOR GIRLS

Team score - 28 points - 3rd  
Ayisha Rashid - 3rd 100m  
Lauren Bayliss - 1st 800m  
Sophie Ashby - 3rd 1500m  
Kaitlyn Williams - 1st Discus  
Emily Houghton-Brown - 3rd Shot

### JUNIOR BOYS

Team score - 29 points - 4th  
James Kimber - 3rd 1500m  
Joel Smith - 1st High Jump  
Yama Qarib - 3rd Shot  
Thanujan Tharmakulasingam 3rd Long Jump  
Charlie Lyall - 2nd Javelin

### SENIOR GIRLS

Team score - 26 points - 5th  
Myah Sharif - 2nd Triple Jump  
Olivia McManus - 1st 800m

### SENIOR BOYS

Team score - 36 points - 3rd  
Ryle Bumagat - 3rd Hurdles  
Chris Osei - 3rd 100m  
Lyes Titouah - 1st 400m and 3rd Triple Jump  
Leon Nyoro - 2nd 1500  
Harry Eagell - 3rd 800m  
Oliver O'Reilly - 3rd High Jump

Next week the Years 7-10 teams compete in the District Athletics Championships at Woodside.

## Year 10 Core PE Athletics

This term in core PE lessons, the Year 10 boys have been participating in a team athletics competition. All the boys have participated in the full range of events with points being awarded for finishing position in each event. The boys have applied themselves really well with the full list of class results shown below:

### Year 10 P1 - Mr Cartledge

Team result : Winners 443 points	Individual Result
Kalvin Amrit Dillon Fisher James Sutcliffe Jayson Patel Charlie Seal	1. Owen McElduff 146 points 2. James Sutcliffe 127 points 3. Orran Syms 115 points 4. Jamie Rogerson 111 points 5. Dillon Fisher 108 points

### Year 10 P1 - Mr Hawkins

Team result : Winners 675 points	Individual Result
Andrew Powell Lyes Titouah Junaid Bhatti Kobe Johnson Varun Narayanan Neil Shah	1. Ryle Bumagat 156 points 2. Andrew Fordham 147 points 3. Andrew Powell 136 points 4. Toby Peskin 135 points 5. Lyes Titouah 127 points

### Year 10 P2 - Mr Cartledge

Team result : Winners 472 points	Individual Result
Leon Nyoro George Massey Oliver O'Reilly Charlie King Scott Hurdle Ben Heels	1. George Massey 143 points 2. Leon Nyoro 132 points 3. Jadd Jalkhi 129 points 4. Charlie Barnett 98 points 5. Oliver o'Reilly 92 points

### Year 10 P2 - Mr O'Kelly - Results to follow

#### Year 10 Cricket v Bushey Academy

**Date :** Tues 16th June 2015

**Result :** BMS 132 for 3 (15 overs) Bushey Academy 94 for 5 (15 overs overs) BMS win

**Bowling :** L Dobson 2 for 25, D Finley 2 for 8, B Thomas 1 for 6

**Batting :** L Dobson 33 no, D Finley 28, J Bhatti 13 no, B Heels 12

**Comment :** The Year 10 team made it 2 wins out of 2 with a fine batting display against Bushey Academy. excellent knocks from Lewis Dobson and Danny Finley deserving special mention.

**Team :** T Harford, L Dobson, D Finley, K Johnson, L Cozens, B Heels, T Peskin, O O'Reilly, J Bhatti, N Shah, B Thomas, M Hirji

# Rounders Results: 11/06 - 16/06/15

S. Cooper – PE Teacher

## Year 7 - SW

**Date:** Thursday 11th June

**Opposition:** St.Margarets

**Result:** Lost 19-13.5

**Team:** C Lightfoot, A Moss, K. Gunasegaran, E Henson, A Andrews, Z.Pawlaczyk, T. Monzur, V. Mishra, A. Sindhi, M Taylor-Bean

**Player of Match:** Vanshita Mishra fantastic throws from backstop



## Year 8 - DMC

**Date:** Thursday 11th June

**Opposition:** St.Margarets

**Result:** Lost 10-13.5

**Team:** B.Parker,G.Bryant,M.Bonyadi,R.Aravindan,A.Rashid,J.Wheeler,M.Shah, E.Houghton-Brown, A.Thakker

**Player of Match:** Megan Shah for excellent safe and efficient fielding.

## Year 9 - SJC

**Date:** Tuesday 16th June

**Opposition:** Francis Combe Academy

**Result:** Won 12.5-10

**Team:** K.Phillimore, V.Woolmer, R.Patel, C.Baldry, R.Langhi, G.Monfared, R.Aravindan, A.Trivedi, L.Campbell

**Player of Match:** Claudia Baldry excellent game play and understanding.

# Walking to School

Mr Fisher, Assistant Headteacher KS3

## Park and Stride

If you live too far away or don't have time to walk the whole way to school, try 'Park and Stride'. Instead of driving to the school gate, park the car away from school and walk the last 10-15 minutes. There are car parks available at Bushey Country Club, King George Recreation Ground and The Moatfield. Alternatively, you could drive to a friend's house and walk with them. This will help reduce traffic around the school and is a great way to get regular exercise.

### Walking

Walk to school as often as you can. It is great exercise and reduces traffic around the school. This makes it safer, reduces petrol costs and helps our environment.

Park and Stride from the car park on Bournehall Lane by The Moatfield Pavilion.

Never park or stop your car on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school gate. They are there to keep everyone safe and can be enforced.

Park and stride from King George Recreation Ground before school. The car park may be full on summer afternoons.

Park and stride from Bushey Country Club before or after school.

Always cross roads at pedestrian crossings.

