

## 'So Last Era' - History magazine (year 7-10)

As part of promoting a love for 'History' within the ethos of Bushey Meads School and stretching our hard working and committed students; the 'So Last Era' group have been working behind the scenes to research and produce the 'pilot' issue of our brand NEW HISTORY MAGAZINE!

The magazine is planned for be made available in the LRC for student access on a bi-weekly basis following the Christmas term, with the students researching various topics throughout the alphabet. The 'pilot' issue - 'A' - covers topics ranging from Anne Frank, The Aztecs and Animals in War, with each student contributing their own research and article.

For those wanting some additional excitement, the magazine contains an array of wordsearches and crosswords 'to test your knowledge' on subjects covered. Please help show support for the magazine and congratulating the students on their hard work this half term.

Merry Christmas

### 'So Last Era' team

Year 10 - Victoria, Riya,  
Claudia, Daisy, Jake

Year 9 - Katie, Rebecca, Ellis

Year 8 - Tegan, Sarrina

Year 7 - Zara, Zeal, Csenge,  
Taylor, Deepa, Hannah



## Dates for the Diary

**4<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

Term starts at **11.00 am**

**11<sup>th</sup> January**

Year 12 & 13 PPEs

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Yr8 -Yr13 British Schools  
Karting Championship -  
Practise

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

**KEY STAGE 5**



## Alex – 13Elm

Our KS5 student of the week this week is Alex who is currently in Year 13. He has been awarded this for his outstanding attitude to learning scores, scoring an outstanding grade of 7 in each of his subjects. Alex is currently studying biology, English, music and psychology.



## **BUS ROUTES 306 and 823 (Borehamwood/Elstree/ Bushey/Watford)**

Those students who use the public service buses 306 or 823, please note that fares will be increasing with effect from 2 January as follows:

	Child single	Child return	Weekly	Four weekly	
South Borehamwood	£1.80	£2.70	£12	£36	Singles and returns unchanged – season tickets increased by £1 and £3 respectively
North Borehamwood	£1.80	£2.70	£12	£36	Singles and returns unchanged – season tickets increased by £1 and £3 respectively
Borehamwood Brook Road	£1.80	£2.70	£12	£36	Singles and returns increased - season tickets increased by £1 and £3 respectively
Borehamwood Town Centre/ Station	£1.60	£2.40	£12	£36	Singles and returns increased - season tickets increased by £1 and £3 respectively
Elstree Village	£1.30	£2.00	-	-	Singles and returns increased
Watford Town Centre	£0.90	£1.40	-	-	No change

# Word of the Week (WOW) at Bushey Meads

Danielle Bowe - Lead Practitioner for English and Whole School Literacy

## Language is empowering

This week at Bushey Meads we have had lots of fun celebrating our achievements and marking the end of a busy term. It's therefore very appropriate our word of the week is 'jollification'.

## Merry Christmas



**Word of the Week**

14.12.15 1809, American English, from jolly + -fication (the suffix meaning 'making' or causing')



Pronounce it: *joll-i-fi-ca-shun*

**Definition** noun

-Merry festivity!  
-An enjoyable activity or celebration.

Yes, honestly, this is a real word!  
The word **jolly** comes from Old French 'joli', 'jolif' meaning 'joyful, merry'. **-fication** has its roots in the Latin word 'ficare' meaning 'to make'. First used in the 1800s, it described the act of having fun and celebrating.

*Examples in sentences:*

- 'Work closed early to allow the holiday jollification to begin!'

- 'There was much jollification in the workshop when Santa's elves loaded the last present on his sleigh that Christmas Eve.'

- 'We had planned to join the street jollification by 5pm on New Year's Eve.'

**Jollification**

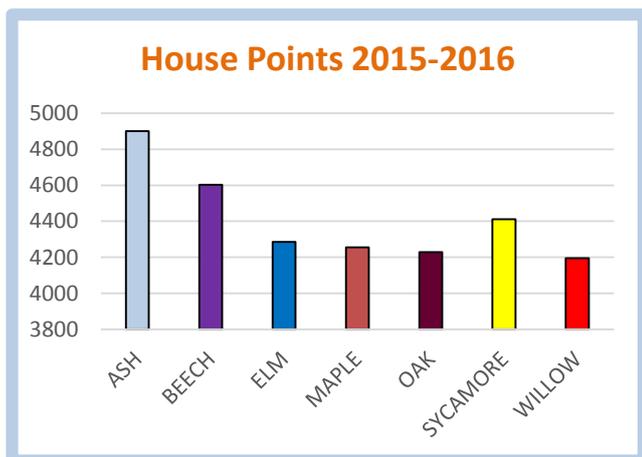
Use it as well as:  
fair, feasting, fete, frolic, jubilee, merrymaking, revelry, spree,

**Challenge:** use this word (and similar ones) as often as you can this holiday!

## House Points Update

As we come to the end of our first term we have ASH House still as the clear leader. January will see the inclusion of attendance and punctuality awards for the second half of the Autumn term along with the House art and photography competition and house football results. There is still time yet

Current House Point Totals



ASH	4900
BEECH	4603
SYCAMORE	4411
ELM	4286
MAPLE	4255
OAK	4229
WILLOW	4195

# Arranging Medical Appointments for your Children?

Mr Turner, Executive Principal



All parents and carers know that there is a very strong correlation between attendance and achievement. It is a proven fact that students with 100% attendance do better in school, achieve the best results and make most progress.

With that in mind, all medical appointments should be arranged **after school hours** or **during school holidays**.

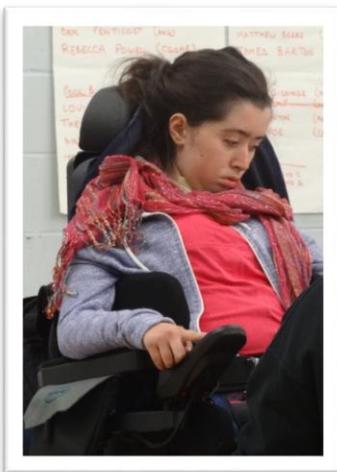
On the rare occasions where this is impossible to do so, please make every effort to arrange the appointment for *as limited time as possible* during the *morning session* of school.

Where possible, do ensure that your child **actually attends morning registration** (and is therefore marked present and not absent for that session.) In addition please ensure that they return well before the afternoon school session and again are able to **attend school in the afternoon** and therefore be marked present for that afternoon session.

Although clearly some lessons will be missed and your child will have to catch up with the work, following this guidance will help to maintain your child's 100% attendance record in school. It will also ensure that our very good school attendance figures are maintained at the highest level.

## An Inspirational New Young Author!

Mrs Day



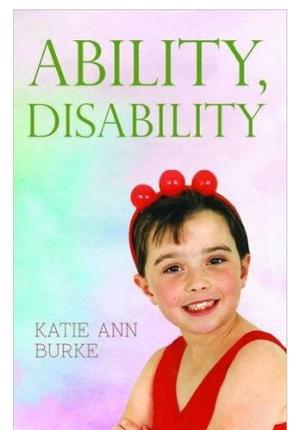
Many of you will remember Katie Burke, who joined us in the Autumn Term 2011 as a Year 10 student. Katie, despite being on a reduced timetable due to her debilitating medical condition, fought hard to gain her GCSE's.

Katie started to write her autobiography 'Ability, Disability' whilst still a student at BMS and she is hugely proud to announce that she has recently had it published.

Emma Burton and I had the pleasure of visiting Katie at her home last week and we were delighted when she gave us two copies: one for Base and one for the Learning Resource Centre.

Katie has already started her second book, a fictional novel this time.

"The book is a realistic view of how it feels to be disabled, my experiences. I hope people will realise how lucky they are to have strong muscles." – *Katie Burke*



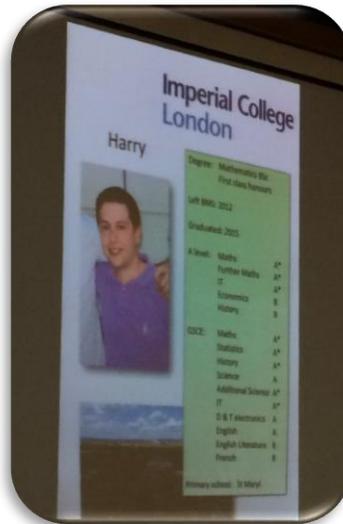
The book is an honest account of Katie's life and her experiences of learning to cope with her severe, as yet undiagnosed, condition. I hope you will get the chance to read it – it's a thought-provoking book.

Read more: <http://www.luton-dunstable.co.uk/Teenager-Katie-Ann-Burke-received-support-Keech/story-26555182-detail/story.html#ixzz3s3DBXPxK>

# BMS More Able Evening 2015



On Tuesday evening it was fantastic to welcome to the school over 600 students, parents and carers for our now annual More Able Evening. Led and hosted by Assistant Headteacher Mr Fisher the evening was packed full of inspirational advice, strategies and ideas to ensure that all our students who have been identified as More Able in subjects across the curriculum aim and reach for those A\*s at GCSE and A level in the future.



Students performed in the school wind ensemble, danced on the new sprung dance floor, performed songs that they had composed themselves, explained about the importance of having a 'growth mindset' and also shared their experiences and explained the importance of completing MOOCs.



Staff also explained what the school is doing to support all our students, but especially the More Able, through promoting Super Curricular work, the many and varied extra-curricular activities and the opportunities to participate at the highest level in so many competitions and events that BMS encourages



# Dance Workshop

Miss Rowden – Dance teacher



On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December two members of New Movementz Dance Company came to Bushey Meads to teach 40 students in a Hip-Hop workshop. New Movementz is a group of young adults, created in early 2010 with the aim to inspire people of a similar age to do positive things and enjoy dance. They have performed at Breakin' Convention's Future Elements and Open Art Surgery, the Lord Mayors Show, Hackney Sports Awards 2013, and Lovebox Festival. They currently run the biggest under 18's dance battle in the UK and have more recently created a youth company to train young dancers of the future.



The students participated in the workshop for three hours and were taught a range of styles including basic Hip-Hop, House and Locking. The dancers put the students through their paces and really taught them what it was like to be part of a professional dance company. The students had a really fun day, took away a world full of dance knowledge and were extremely inspired by the experience.

## Watford Inter-school Debating Competition: December 2015

Hosted by Richard Harrington MP at London's House of Commons

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After weeks of preparation, our senior debating team arrived at the House of Commons to take part in the fourth year of this exciting inter-school challenge. Arriving at the Cromwell Green entrance, we made our way through security and into the Committee Rooms.

Titles for debating this year included Communism is no longer relevant in today's world; This House would censor the internet; Global warming is exaggerated; Britain does not need a nuclear deterrent; It is acceptable to use torture to secure information

from terror suspects; Britain has been a force for good in the world and Religion does more harm than good.



We are proud to say that our team reached the semi-final of the challenge and would congratulate year 10 students, Leon and Nathaniel and year 12/13 students, Cyntheiah, Kevin, Elodie and James who were likewise praised by the judges, who included councillors of different constituencies, for their presentation and professionalism. All certainly should be proud of their achievement.

With more challenges ahead, both outside of school and in our weekly debates held in school, we look forward to an exciting year ahead and wish all those who attend our debates and to all students and staff at Bushey Meads school a healthy and happy New Year.



# Visit to Share Good Practice with Bushey Meads Law Department

Mrs Knowles – Head of Social Sciences Faculty



Mrs Kuldip Jhaj (pronounced Mrs Judge) Head of 6th Form at Chatham Grammar School, visited the Bushey Meads Law Department on Thursday 10th December 2015.

During her visit, she watched two A level law lessons, spoke to some students currently studying law and met with Ms Knowles, Teacher of Law where resources and ideas were shared. Mrs Jhaj, who is a Psychology specialist, has recently taken over the teaching of Law in her school and was particularly looking at A Level essay writing content and structure. During the day Mrs Jhaj brought her Year 13 mock exams for Ms Knowles to moderate and to discuss the specific needs of the students in her class.

Mrs Jhaj was extremely impressed by the enthusiasm of the students and the confident and informed way they were able to articulate their ideas about the future, the learning that was taking place and their progress.

Ms Knowles and Mrs Jhaj will be staying in close contact and it is hoped the link between the two law departments will continue and a new link with psychology will be established.

## Languages focus: Santa Jessica! ¡Feliz Navidad!

Mrs Dawson – Head of MFL



Much like many other students at Bushey Meads, Jessica Houghton-Brown has a fabulous mix of nationalities in her family. Her mum is American, which means that Jessica has dual nationality and two passports. She can choose where she wants to live and is already considering where her future lies. Being global doesn't always have to mean speaking different languages, although Jessica's mum is fluent in French and Jessica completed her French GCSE last year, whilst sister Emily in Year 8 is learning Spanish, one of the top languages in the USA. A recent report found that there are 41 million native Spanish speakers in the US, plus a further 11.6 million-mostly the children of Hispanic immigrants-are bilingual.

## Ladies school football tournament

Following on from the Year 7 Arsenal Ladies football tournament last week it was great to see the girls had made it into their monthly newsletter click the link below to see the report:

<http://www.arsenal.com/news/news-archive/20151210/ladies-school-literacy-tournament#yYOSo8kCzp7ltpz2.03>

# Stoke Mandeville Celebration Evening

## 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015

Mrs Day

Last week we recognised the remarkable achievements of our amazing Base students when they took part in the National Junior Games at Stoke Mandeville earlier this term. They won the highest number of certificates in our history of attending the Games so students, parents and staff joined together for a celebratory evening to watch video footage and photographs of the students in action and to congratulate as Jeremy Turner, Executive Principal, presented the certificates.

The evening was a resounding success: parents enjoyed an informal opportunity to chat whilst being able to share the experiences of their very inspirational children.

A big thank you to all who attended, especially to the Stoke Mandeville team who have made us all so very proud! There are three competition age group categories.



### Year 7

**Francesca Martin**

1st - gripball

**Daniel Adebajo**

1st - wheelchair javelin

2nd - gripball

3rd - polybat

1st - wheelchair club

### Year 8

**Jack James**

1st - 100m track

3rd - table cricket

**Parag Sangani**

2<sup>nd</sup> - 60m track

**Matthew Archer**

1st - gripball

**Nicola Hauff**

1st - 60m track

2nd - javelin

2nd - shot

2nd - polybat

**Kai Shah**

3rd - shooting

**Ellie Grayling**

1st - javelin

2nd - shooting

3rd - 60m track

1st - shot

### Year 9

**Sarthak Kanel**

3rd - 100m track

2nd – gripball

**Chloe-Mai Carpenter**

2nd - javelin

1st - shot

### Year 10

**Lee Keogh**

1st - wheelchair javelin

1st - wheelchair shot

1st - polybat

**Megan Hughes**

2nd - polybat

**Hannah Spriggs**

3rd - shooting

### Year 11

**Meesha Kanani**

1st - javelin

**Tristian Blomfield**

3rd - table cricket

**Grace Bonner**

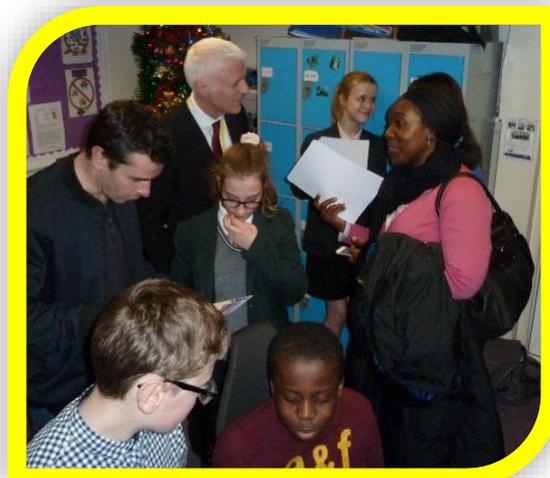
1st - gripball

3rd - archery

**Ben Lawson**

1st - javelin

1st - discus



# Girls Sports Report

## Week beginning 14th December

Mrs Cooper – PE Teacher



**Date:**14 /12/15

**Event:** Year 9 Christmas Netball Jollification



**Participating students:** Bella P, Gita D, Ami T, Jaime W, Ria K, Meghan Sj, Megan Sh, Mel B, Ashvina T, Ragavi A, Georgina B, Angel D'.

**Comment:** In time honoured tradition year 9 students took to the netball court in festive jumpers, hats and headwear for their annual Christmas game. A very close match played with regular position changes and lots of laughter saw the year 9 team bring their season to an end with the enthusiasm and commitment they have displayed all season.

Special thanks to Layla and Lauren in year 10 for umpiring the game so that Mrs.Cooper could demonstrate her skills!

Merry Christmas girls!



**Date:**15 /12/15

**Event:** Year 8 Christmas Netball Jollification



Over 30 year 8 students turned up to play an inter-house netball tournament in the rain on Tues afternoon, special mention to Beech who had the most participants show up!

After some very close matches the overall winners were Sycamore - well played!

Thanks to the yr 10 sports leaders for umpiring.

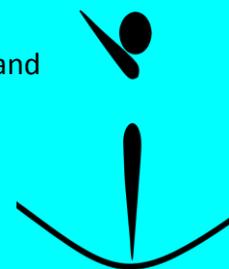


## Trampolining Session with High Springers Trampoline club

Monday saw the first Trampolining session in conjunction with High springers trampoline club. Almost 30 students from year 7,8,9 attended the sessions ably led by coaches Sarah and Kelly.

Students were given the opportunity to work on basic and more complex skills. We look forward to working with High Springers in January where they will be delivering on site coaching sessions at a reduced price for Bushey Meads students.

Sessions will start on January 18th and students should keep an eye on the message board and newsletter for more information about joining.



# Focus on Willow House

by Head of House Ms Gregory



*Willow House*

Members of Willow House have been doing some impressive things in school this term here are a few of them:



Lily is our House Captain this year. She has made a good start as a positive role model by being a SLC, representing her Form and presenting in assembly. She was commended for her very good attitude to learning in her Autumn assessment and her excellent punctuality.



Congratulations to Asher for his second place in the dance category of Bushey Meads has Talent.

Well done to all our other House members who auditioned for the Talent show.

Also a very special recognition to the Willow members of the technical crew.

You all earned valuable reward points for the House and for yourselves.



Noah is a Senior Student Learning Consultant, other Student Learning Consultants from Willow are Fantasia Mulima-Matiya, Deepa Patel, Lily Jarvis, Riya Patel and Joseph Cox.

We all look forward to benefiting from their efforts at improving the Learning at BMS

We have an excellent group of Charity ambassadors this year: Abigail Andrews, Lynda Mclean, James Crampton, Lauren Roberts, Ella Steele, and Emily Hofer-Tillyer.

I was particularly impressed with Abby's ideas for fundraising and Lynda's and Emily's work with their Forms on the shoe box appeal.

I look forward to the events they are planning for us to take part in.



Michael was thrilled to find out that his entry into the poetry competition was the overall winner.

Here it is for you all to enjoy:

### Light

The sun has gone, all's dark in sight  
And the whole wide world is encased by night  
Sleep may come, to those who are weary  
Insomnia makes the night seem dreary  
The ebony blanket we call the sky  
leers down on us from up so high  
This being what shrouds us all in shade  
Can be defied with a force we have made  
years ago with sticks and stones  
its glow so warm with orange tones  
so the being we know as night  
with fire and lanterns that shine so bright  
until dawn when the sun presents its cleansing light.

Our House Council is:

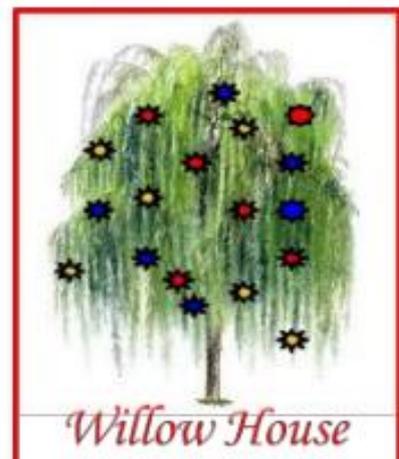
- Year 13 Sami Huseyin
- Year 12 Noah Malancinas
- Year 11 Vacant
- Year 10 Lily Jarvis (House Captain)
- Year 9 Milo Kearns
- Year 8 Holly Raschke Haynes
- Year 7 Divija Nithiananthan

With Lily, Noah and Holly as our representatives to the School Parliament.

If there are any issues that should be taken to the School Parliament please discuss it with your Form Representative so they can raise it at a House Council meeting.

My final message to my House is work hard, take part, have a good and caring attitude, be part of our community, win lots of points and let's have a fabulous 2016.

*Ms Gregory*



# Student Learning Consultants Keep Us On Our Toes

Ms Morawska – Deputy Headteacher



True to form, our diligent Student Learning Consultants arrived in their droves to the second meeting of the academic year, on Tuesday, ready and poised to share their informed opinions about their learning.



This meeting found them armed with their coursework and exercise books. Their task was to scrutinise the marking and feedback they have received, from their staff and to discuss how it supported their progress, or if not, why not. They also had to be honest about their responses to the feedback evidenced by their use of the purple pens. They had to consider the following: Are they correcting their work? If not, why not? Are they re-drafting and following the instructions of their staff? Are the targets they set themselves challenging?



In addition to reviewing marking and feedback, the SLCs also reviewed the use of their homework diaries. Again, they scrutinised each other's diaries and commented on how well presented they were, after a term of use. They reviewed whether homework was being entered on a regular basis by their subject teachers and whether what was written would make any sense, when sitting down on a Sunday evening..... They also looked to see if form tutors and subject teachers were contacting parents and carers through the diary about learning.



Lastly, a survey was shared with each student about how their home work is logged on the Learning Gateway. As always, the information gathered by this committed group of learners will be shared with staff, the leadership team and governors with strategies, written by the students as to how we can improve our delivery of these very important areas.

I would once again like to thank our dedicated students and Mrs Garcia for attending the meeting and their support in improving the learning experiences, for all students. I wish them a well-deserved rest, over Christmas and look forward to working with them again.

## Shoe Box Appeal - Thank You

Mrs Hoskins



*A huge thank you to the students, staff and parents who supported the Blythwood care Christmas charity shoebox appeal. This year we had over 90 shoeboxes! Your generosity will certainly put a smile on a lot of children and adults faces this Christmas!*



*Thank you!*

# BMS Christmas Concert 2015...

Jeremy Turner – Executive Principal



The Main Hall was packed out on Tuesday night for what was a superb evening of festive music and dance entertainment. Christmas was in the air with mulled wine and mince pies available during the interval and, if you weren't able to make the event, you definitely missed out!

The quality of every performance was superb and it was delightful to see so many of our students involved, including some fantastic dancers – an energetic and dynamic boys group and an equally stunning girls' piece.

A brilliant extract from the 2016 school show *Oliver* whetted our appetites for what will be an amazing production in the Spring Term – ***don't miss out!***





One of the highlights for me was seeing all our superb Year 7 students performing on stage towards the end of the concert – all singing their hearts out and really entertaining the audience with a superb rendition of a classic John Lennon arrangement before a stunning finale.



As always the GCSE and Sixth Form musicians set the standard with some extremely high quality performances – raising the aspiration for all our younger students to aspire to achieve and even go beyond - I'm looking forward to the next performance already!

A huge thank you must go to Miss Brown our superb Head of Music and Music Coordinator across the Trust. She has worked tirelessly since joining the school to really take music to the next level. Many congratulations must also go to all the other staff involved and of course to our wonderful student performers – you were brilliant!



# Autumn term 2015 Sport Report

Mr Cartledge – Head of PE Faculty

This week will see the last sports activities of a very busy term with Inter House football and netball competitions taking place. The term has seen the boys play over 70 football matches and the girls teams play almost 40 netball matches. We have also seen clubs run in football, rugby, basketball, netball, hockey, trampolining, boxercise, cheerleading, badminton, girls football, table tennis, indoor athletics, boccia and SEN sports as well as the daily lunchtime recreational sports clubs. It has been great to see so many of our students taking the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular sport and hopefully this will be reflected in improved health and fitness levels in the new year. Special events have included the World Cup Rugby Trophy Tour attended by the Year 8 Rugby team, the Stoke Mandeville games, the Year 7 District Rugby Festival, the Girls Development football tournament at Arsenal FC, Inter House and District Cross-Country Championships as well as District and County League and Cup fixtures in football and netball. Well done to all of our students who have attended clubs, represented school teams and in some cases represented Watford District and Hertfordshire County.

We have lots to look forward to in the new year with clubs and fixtures starting straight after the Xmas break.

## Football and Netball School teams review

### YEAR 7 FOOTBALL

#### Mr O'Kelly

**Squad :** Jesse Harry-Brown, Shyam Pattni, Ben Peskin, Taylor Bees, Harris Plant, George Rowe, Luke Andrews, Irvine Tannor, Jay Marsh (Capt.), Zakanya Khan, Jake Norris-Ataie, Archie Sykes, Ben Castello, Reid Sims, Jalen Sotomey, Charlie Bointon

**Report :** A tough first year with rather mixed results. Some fantastic play against Rickmansworth 'B' and Westfield led to well deserved and earned wins. However, the team will need to tighten up defensively next season if they are to challenge for the Division 1 Watford and District title. Highlight of the year is Jay Marsh's goal against Westfield where he dribbled around at least 4 players before coolly slotting the ball home.

### YEAR 8 FOOTBALL

#### Mr Hawkins

**Squad :** Zachary Faulkner, James Kimber, Kieran Barnard-White, Luke Fletcher-Grey, Ross Marsh, Jake Watt, Kai Jackman, Mohammed Mansouri, Owen O'Mahony, Prince Coaster-Etuk, Pavit Sangasinha, Jack Leeves, Mohamed Djanit and Billy Garvey.

**Report:** This was always going to be a tough season for the Year 8 boys in the Premier Division. They have shown they deserve to be in the league with some competitive matches against some strong teams. Highlights from the year were wins against Bushey Academy (8-1) and St Clement Danes (3-0). Special mention for Kieran Barnard-White who represented the Watford District team this year.

### YEAR 9 FOOTBALL

#### Mr Cartledge

**Squad :** Connor Cameron, Jack Leech, Ben Faulkner, Josh Williams, Aidan Angold, Joe Manning, James Dodwell, Ethan Fiordelisi, Thanujan Tharmakulasingam, Anas Djahnit, Finlay Horastead, Joel Smith, Josh Davies, Connor Atkinson

**Report :** This has been an excellent season for the Year 9 football team winning 6 games out of 6 to win the District Division 1. The boys will now be promoted into the Premier League next season and fully deserve their success. Special mention for the narrow defeat 4-3 to last years County Cup Finalists St Clement Danes in the CC Round 1 which gives the boys confidence for the challenges ahead. Also mention to Connor Cameron and James Dodwell who both represented the Watford District squad this year.

### YEAR 10 FOOTBALL

#### Mr O'Kelly

**Squad :** Julius Pazio, Aiden O'Mahoney, Jack Leyshon, Chris King, Curtis Meale, Callum Bedwell, Jake Zimmatore, Joe Blagden (Capt.), Victor Williams, Euen Enright, George Whitman, Maciek Blasic, Chris Osei.

**Report :** Another season of very high quality football. Built on a solid defence, who teams find very difficult to breakdown, the squad has produced some dominant displays. The high work-rate with the flashes of brilliance from the forward thinking players has meant that the results have generally been positive. The final game of the season in particular, where the defence has seen off the Watford striker and gone on to dominate the game 4-1.

### YEAR 11 FOOTBALL

#### Mr Hawkins

**Squad :** Archie Levy (GK), Sam Farman, Thomas Harford, Luke Piesley, Andrew Fordham, Kobe Johnson, Leon Nyoro, Louis Cozens, Charlie Barrett, Lyes Titouah (Capt), Daniel Finley, Ben Thomas, Owen McElduff, Finley Joyce and Oliver O'Reilly.

**Report:** This was an interesting season for the Year 11 team. They showed their quality in games being very competitive against strong teams. However they allowed to game to get out of reach in too many games. A highlight was an epic game against Queens, winning 3-2 scoring in the last minute of the game.

## UNDER 18 FOOTBALL

### Mr Cartledge

**Squad :** Archie Sharp, Alex Garvey, Andrew Fordham, Joe Marks, James Yallop. Lyes Titouah, Michael Sturgess, Kobe Johnson, Sam Yelland, George Payne, Sami Huseyin, Tommy O'Sullivan, Sam Yelland, Josh Lawrence

**Report :** The boys are still mid season with the District and County Leagues still carrying over into the new year. The boys are currently top of the District Division 1 after wins over Westfield and FC Academy. The team has played some excellent passing football and have produced a number of very pleasing performances. The challenge is to raise the game when confronted by the quality opposition in the County competition. The boys are also into the District Cup semi-final where they will meet the winners of Parmiters or Queens.

## YEAR 7 NETBALL

### Mrs Cartledge

**Squad:** Ellie Rowe , Bhavya Patel, Isabel Hart, Lia Flanagan, Georgia Brass, Andrea Hutchinson, Jess Benveniste, Gabby Zhelyazkova, Hannah Barry

**Report:** A really promising start to the girls netball at Bushey Meads. The girls arrived with already lots of experience and passion for netball which was clearly evident in the first training session. We had a mixed season with 2 wins , 5 loses and 2 draws. Unfortunately training has been limited due to a number of reasons, but the girls have already begun to work as an established team by producing excellent interceptions, accurate passing and strong defending. It would be great to see more girls get involved next season not only to improve their netball skills but also to improve fitness levels.

## YEAR 8 NETBALL

### Miss Ward

**Squad:** Kanishka Gunasegarun, Myfwany Talor-Bean, Holly Haynes, Kaitlin Williams, Anais-Taylor Wells-Harbin, Anna Finley, Nicole Redmond, Cerys Lightfoot, Ella Henson

**Report:** A positive season with wins against Habs, Belmont and Bushey Academy. The girls have turned up for regular training since September and worked hard in their matches which has, in turn, ensured a marked improvement in the team's performance as a whole. I look forward to more success with this team next season.

## YEAR 9 NETBALL

### Mrs Cooper

**Squad :** Ashvina Trivedi, Ragavi Aravindan, Emily Houghton-Brown, Megan Shah, Riya Kulkarni, Francesca Kelly, Jasmine Phillips, Angel D'Alwis, Ayisha Rashid, Melanie Bonyadi, Georgina Bryant, Megan Sjollema, Bella Parker, Ami Thakker

**Report :** It has been a fantastic turn out all term with 14+ girls regularly attending practice. Almost all those who have attended training have had some match time which is a great reflection on the improving standards. Practice really does pay off!! With league fixtures all complete a place in mid-table is likely but still to be confirmed. With a number of convincing victories the best performance was a narrow 10-12 defeat to Watford Girls where the team really did raise the standard of their game. It has been a pleasure coaching this team this year. Great job girls.

## YEAR 10 NETBALL

### Mrs Cooper

**Squad :** Claudia Baldry, Layla Campbell, Rezwana Bharmal, Lauren Parr, Olivia McManus, Vicky Pratt, Bryony Lipman, Imogen Hadland, Melitsa Stefanov, Rima Langhi

**Report :** With several matches still to play after the Christmas the year 10 squad will look to build on the victories they have to ensure a top half finishing in the district league. A convincing victory against Bushey Academy and a narrow defeat to St.Margaret's were the stand out performances this term and hopefully practice will pay off in the new year and more victories will follow. The girls commitment to fixtures is commendable and demonstrates the enthusiasm they have for competitive sport and the responsibility of representing their school. Well done ladies.

## YEAR 11 NETBALL

### Mrs Cartledge

**Squad:** Elin Bonyadi, Isabella Stovey, Jess Pickles, Alyson Sunpongco, Myah Shariff, Tehya Bingan Thaker, Jessica Boseley

**Report:** This has been a difficult season with shortages of players due to work commitments. However when on court our Year 11 girls show a real determined and positive attitude . It has been a pleasure to coach these girls from Year 7 and I hope they will continue to enjoy and play netball. Thanks for all your commitment and hard work over the years. It's been fantastic to see you all progress.

## Senior NETBALL

### Miss Ward

**Squad:** Annalise Leech, Charley Stewart, Sophia Wright, Emily Charalambous, Deanne Noel, Myah Shariff, Alyson Sunpongco, Emily Jarman, Lizzie Jarman.

**Report:** A tough season playing in both the county and district leagues with matches against RMS, Habs and Ashlyns to name a few. The girls have worked hard during fixtures and we look forward to better results with a strong senior team next year.

# Tycoon in Schools - Little Reddings Christmas Fair



Miss Hazel – Business Teacher



On Friday afternoon our budding entrepreneurs, Jessica Wood (Beech), Jessica Enevoldson (8 Beech) and Harrisha Sivanathan (8 Sycamore) attended the Little Reddings Christmas Fair.

The **Cookie Crunch** team, have been taking part in the Peter Jones Tycoon in Schools project. This has involved using a range of skills such as teamwork, presentation, customer service, organisation and creativity. The aim is to experience running a small business and to raise money for the Peter Jones Academy, a

charity that enables students of all ages and backgrounds to get involved in business projects, to develop their workplace skills.

We have entered two teams this year Cookie Crunch and Spectrum, who have been working hard to sell cookie mix jars and phone cases. The students are in the final stages of trading and now have to evaluate their performance. In the new year, we will find out if they have been shortlisted for the finals.

I am sure we all wish them the best of luck and if you would like to take part next year, contact Miss Hazel.



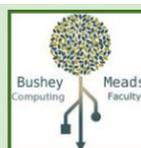
## More Able at BMS – Supercurricular opportunities

Ms Booth

At Bushey Meads we want to encourage students to make the most of the supercurricular opportunities that are available to them. A supercurricular activity is one which enables students to learn something new or develop a skill that is completed independently. Many students across the school are participating in lots of different supercurricular opportunities and it is always fantastic to see the excellent work that they are doing.

We wish to encourage more students at Bushey Meads to make the most of supercurricular opportunities and with this in mind a supercurricular club will be beginning at school in the new year. This club will aim to assist students in participating in a range of supercurricular opportunities as well as rewarding them for doing so.

Watch this space for more details in the new year!



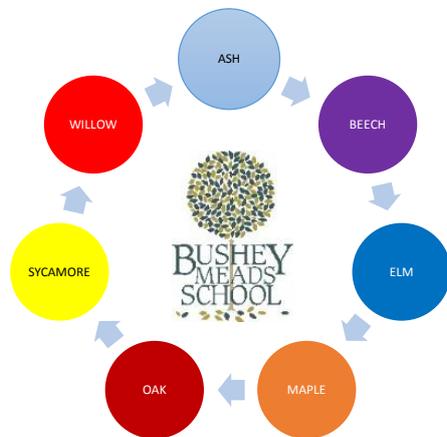
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If you have any questions please speak to Ms Gregory



## Form Tutor Awards: Student of the Term

All the form tutors have nominated one student from each form group as their "Student of the Term". The award has been issued for being helpful, being involved in the school community, making good progress and/or achieving outstanding results. Each student receives 15 achievement points as a reward.

The awards for the Autumn Term have been issued as follows:

### ASH HOUSE

Hafsah Minhas 7Ash  
Sam Bilson 8Ash  
Alice Johnson 9Ash  
Aaron Robinson 10Ash  
Jamira Ahmed 11Ash  
Louis Smart 12Ash  
Elizabeth Jarman 13Ash

### ELM HOUSE

Charlie Mainwaring 7Elm  
Arash Qais 8Elm  
Eleanor Vroome 9Elm  
Lee Keogh 10Elm  
Chloe Barry 11Elm  
Jade Picksley 12Elm  
James Roberts 13Elm

### OAK HOUSE

Mia Partos 7Oak  
Marvin Akaki 8Oak  
Marie Hofer-Tillyer 9Oak  
Paige Benjamin 10Oak  
Amira Izhar 11Oak  
Kate Sherwood 12Oak  
James Allett 13Oak

### WILLOW HOUSE

Luke Andrews 7Willow  
Lewis Reid 8Willow  
Jaime Wheeler 9Willow  
Dayyaan Mohammed-Khan 10Willow  
Somerset-Lily Blakey 11Willow  
Emily Hofer-Tillyer 12Willow  
Kevin Taylor 13Willow

### BEECH HOUSE

Lily Adams 7Beech  
Dinujha Sivakumar 8Beech  
Ben Garrett 9Beech  
Jess Smith 10Beech  
Jayme Pospiech-Langdon 11Beech  
Molly Thomas-Irving 12Beech  
Lauren Wilkinson 13Beech

### MAPLE HOUSE

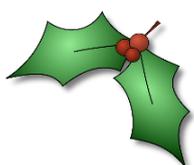
Shyam Pattni Maple  
Pallav Hingu 8Maple  
Holly White 9Maple  
Kristian Parr 10Maple  
Hannah Lynch 11Maple  
Sagar Joshi 12Maple  
Olivia Waites 13Maple

### SYCAMORE HOUSE

George Rowe 7Sycamore  
Jack Talbot 8Sycamore  
Molly Wray 9Sycamore  
Layla Campbell 10Sycamore  
Elin Bonyadi 11Sycamore  
Luke Clarke 12Sycamore  
Ellie Bedwell 13Sycamore

# Head of House Awards: Student of the Term

House	Name
ASH	Ben Faulkner 9Ash
BEECH	Ben Nunes 13Ash
ELM	Charlie Laws 10Elm
MAPLE	Curtis Meale 10Maple
OAK	Marvin Akaki 8Oak
SYCAMORE	Amy Murray 13Sycamore
WILLOW	Abigail Andrews 8Willow



## Community Spirit at Christmas



Mrs Ash, Assistant Headteacher

Our Senior House Officials team, comprising the Head Boy and Girl, Head Prefects and Head of Charity, gave up their time to help out in the local community. Ben Nunes, Emily Charalambous, James Allett, Eleanore Williamson and Megan Basnett helped to serve a Christmas lunch at St James' church, Bushey.

Feedback received about our students was glowing with one lady commenting to a member of staff:

*"I was served a wonderful lunch at St James's church by your students, led by the head boy and head girl. I was overwhelmed with their wonderful personalities and helpfulness; one of the students even sang me a carol! The students could have been from any top public school."*

A big thank you to Mrs Hoskins, Deputy Head of Sixth Form, for organising the community service.

## Lunchtime arrangements – reminder!

Mrs Ash, Assistant Headteacher

In order to facilitate a positive experience during lunch with increased numbers of students in the school we will be staggering the entry into the restaurant as from 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Students in years 10 – 13 will be allowed entry at 13:20.

Students in years 7 - 9 will be allowed entry from 13:30.



This will allow students plenty of time to sit and eat before afternoon lessons without over-crowding.

# A day in the life of a 6<sup>th</sup> Form student at Bushey Meads School

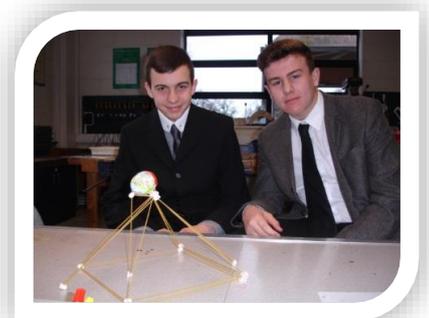
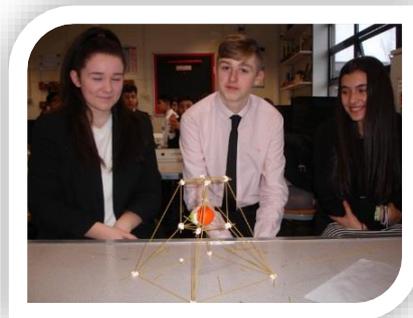
By Sara Ash, Assistant Headteacher

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December Year 11 students abandoned their school blazers and ties and donned smart business wear, ready to experience 6<sup>th</sup> Form life. The day was designed to allow students to try out five 6<sup>th</sup> form style lessons to help give an informed choice for subjects when applying for Bushey Meads 6<sup>th</sup> Form.

The Year 11's embraced the day magnificently with many staff commenting on how mature they were and felt they could be our 6<sup>th</sup> Form students already.

As well as experiencing the lessons, the students had use of the 6<sup>th</sup> Form facilities before school, at breaktime and during lunchtime. The coffee machines, as ever, were put in good use with hundreds of hot chocolates being drunk. 200 doughnuts and cookies were also demolished in around 5 minutes – a new record!

Many students have now completed and handed in their applications but it is never too late to change your mind. If any student wishes to discuss 6<sup>th</sup> Form options they should come and speak to Mr O'Kelly, Head of 6<sup>th</sup> Form, or myself.



## Christmas Lunch – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December

By Sara Ash, Assistant Headteacher



All year groups and staff enjoyed a festive lunch and a cracker with form tutors joining their forms for lunch. There were also fun Christmas activities to complete in form tutor groups to add to the fun!

