



Reach for the Stars 2016

On Wednesday 20th January thirty Year 11 students, with their parents, attended the launch of the "Reach for the Stars" programme. This programme is for More Able Year 11 students and is designed to help them turn A grades into A* grades. The first session was held in the Sixth Form Study Centre which allowed everyone to see the fantastic IT facilities



and warm up with a few hot chocolates, teas and coffees.

The session focused on the partnership between the students, parents and carers and the school. Communication was a key theme throughout with an opportunity to talk through the different approaches to revision and what works best for each student.

Mr O'Kelly, Head of Sixth Form, and Mrs Hoskins, Deputy Head of Sixth Form, also spoke of their roles in the school and how support continues from Year 11 into the Sixth Form.

If any Year 11 student, parent or carer has any queries about Sixth Form please do not hesitate to contact the Sixth Form

Sara Ash, Assistant Headteacher

Dates for the Diary

27th January

Y12 & 13 Drama trip 5.30-8.00
Governors Meeting 6.30-8.30

28th January

Y8 -Yr13 British Schools Karting Championship Race 4.00-7.00
Y10 RBS Coca Cola Regional Final 8.00-4.00
Y10 Spanish Student Conference 9.00-3.15

2nd February

Y10 Parents Evening 4.30-7.30

3rd February

Year 12 & 13 PPE Surgery – 6.30pm

9th – 11th February

School Production - **Oliver!**

Half Term – 15th-19th February

24th February

Y12 Parents Evening 4.30-7.30

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

KEY STAGE 3



Betty-Louise – 7B

This week's student of the week is Betty-Louise, who has produced some amazing class work in RE. She is a very hard working pupil and she takes great pride in her work and has also been nominated for a Humanities High Achiever award. Betty-Louise has also accrued a over 120 achievement points! Keep up the fantastic work and attitude!

KEY STAGE 4



Aaron 10Ash

Aaron has been chosen as KS4 Student of the Week for his commitment and positive attitude to both his learning in lessons and to extra-curricular activities. Aaron gets involved in many house events for Ash House, many music and drama productions and can always be relied upon to assist with school events.

KEY STAGE 5



Simon 13 Willow

Our KS5 student of the week this week is Simon who is currently in Year 13. He has been awarded this for his outstanding attitude to learning scores, commitment to the school community and making a major contribution to the win against Rickmansworth School in Basketball. Simon is currently studying maths, PE and physics.

Word of the Week (WOW) at Bushey Meads

Language is empowering

Our word of the week has been incandescent. In English we are always working on making our writing more sophisticated and engaging. Words like incandescent allow us describe strong emotions and characters in more interesting ways.

Danielle Bowe

Lead Practitioner for English and Whole school Literacy



Word of the Week

18.1.16

This word originates from late 18th century: from French, from Latin *incandescent* 'glowing', from the verb *incandescere*, from *in-* (expressing intensive force) + *candescere* 'become white' (from *candidus* 'white').



Pronounce it: *in-can-des-ent*

Definition

adjective

1. emitting light as a result of being heated
2. full of strong emotion; passionate

Incandescent, like the word candle, has its origins in the Latin word *candere* meaning "to glow or shine." Fireworks are *incandescent* because they give off brilliant lights when heated. When looking up at a blazing fireworks display, it's *incandescent* with intensity and brilliance. When heated, coals become *incandescent*, which means they glow red-hot. Therefore, when you're heated up by an argument, there's a good chance you're *incandescent* with intense emotion or frustration.

Examples in sentences:

- She was *incandescent* with rage at his outrageous behaviour.
- He gave an *incandescent* stage performance as Othello.

Incandescent

Use it instead of:

blazing, radiant, brilliant, fervent, fervid, luminous.

Challenge: use this word in a conversation, or piece of writing this week.

VACANCIES

We are currently advertising for the following positions at the school:

Teaching Assistants (for Physically Impaired)

Pastoral Officer

Reprographics and Administration Assistant

Maths Teacher - please speak to HR Office about this position

Casual Exam Invigilators

Teaching Assistants (for Physically Impaired)

Key Stage Co-ordinator for English



Further information about both posts can be found on the school website under 'Vacancies'. Alternatively, please contact the HR Office on 020 8955 8833 / 8800.

Theme of the Week

Progress

Mr Arnold – Assistant Headteacher KS4

Mr Arnold led the main school assemblies this week and explored the concept of "Progress".

He highlighted the many ways that progress is measured across the school - including individual aspirational subject targets, attitude to learning scores, and completed home learning tasks, and stressed that these were to be seen as opportunities to grasp in demonstrating how each of us can improve on a daily basis. He then showed inspirational footage of a student opening an envelope containing exam grades on Results Day in August who was immensely delighted in the progress that had been made.

Applied in conjunction with the qualities of patience, planning and persistence - Mr Arnold reminded everyone that responding in purple pen to teacher and peer feedback is one of the most important ways that academic progress can be made.

Mr Arnold ended by showing a time lapse video of a young woman who had taken responsibility for her own learning and had learned to play the violin in only 2 years with very few formal lessons. He then ended by encouraging students to "Aspire to Achieve" by applying three techniques during the week to ensure that they made progress.

GCSE and GCE EXAMINATIONS SUMMER 2016

Students will be issued their examination timetables
during the week beginning
Monday 8th February

The last GCSE Examination is on Monday 27th June 2016
The last GCE Examination is on Tuesday 28th June 2016

British Schools Karting Championship 2016

Mr Chalkley – Head of D&T Faculty



Last week saw the Bushey Meads karting teams practise their driving for this year's championship. It was an impressive nights driving with many of our talented boys getting fastest lap times in their races.

In 2 weeks' time the real races take place and the boys will need to be at their level headed best to keep calm and focused under the pressure of racing.

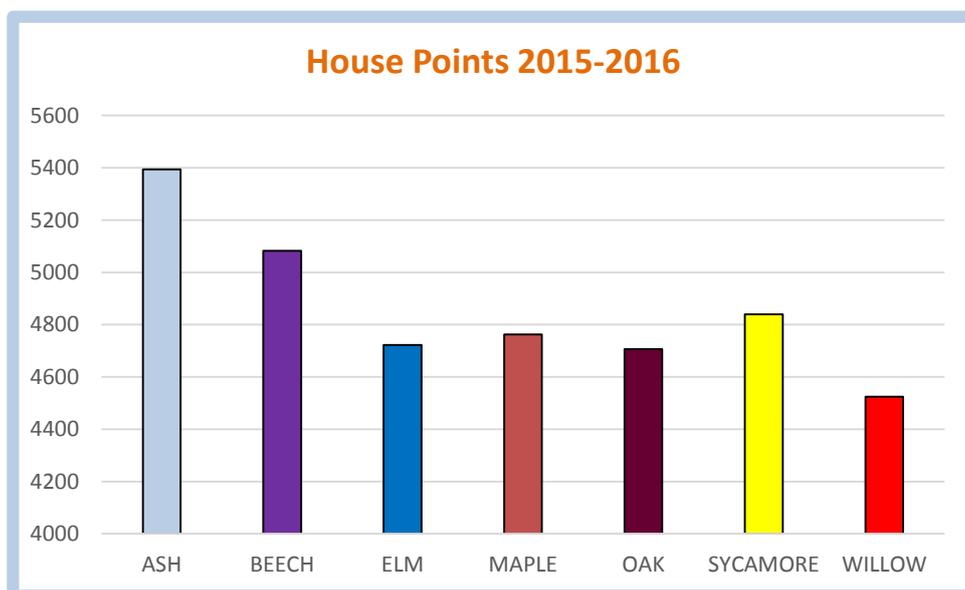


If they can maintain the levels of driving I witnessed, then they stand a chance of qualifying for the South East England regional finals.

Good luck Bushey Meads!



House Points Update



Peter Jones Tycoon in Schools - Update

Together, as The Cookie Crunch Team we have been taking part in the Peter Jones Tycoon in Schools Business challenge. We have been very lucky to be entered into the finals, and are now waiting to find out the results.



“The concept of our business was to get people baking cookies, in a simpler way, making less mess when preparing them. It was near Christmas so we did a gingerbread edition that was also a great stocking filler. The challenge was a good way of learning business skills and how life as a business person was, not as easy as it looks and sounds, as there is a lot of work that has to be put into it.”

“We enjoyed working as a team and selling the product together as it was challenging and we had fun doing it. We learned that being a business entrepreneur was not as easy as it looks and sounds.

To make it better we would advertise a lot more on social media and sell at more local places to get more money. However we did make a profit and were able to donate over £150 to Great Ormond Street.

If anyone is interested in taking part in this great experience next year, come and ask for advice and we will help as much as we can. Just remember: Be enthusiastic about your tasks and ask for help when you need it!!

The Cookie Crunch Team
(Jess E, Jess W and Harrisha year 8)

Debating Society

Wednesday 13th January 2016

This House Would Ban New Year Resolutions

The Debating Society got off to an encouraging start to the year 2016 by hosting a debate on New Year resolutions, aptly titled ‘This House Would Ban New Year Resolutions’. The motion was supported by Year 8 students George Issa and Ryan Pearce but was overturned by Huda Farooqui and Luxsa Ravishanger. Supporting the motion was the view that making resolutions is time consuming and in most cases they are broken within a relatively short period of time. Indeed, Ryan and George stressed that resolutions are ultimately forgotten. This seemed to be a compelling argument until Huda and Luxsa argued that resolutions give people a larger growth mindset whether the challenge is big or small.



The straw poll taken at the start shifted, with the majority of those present voting that this House would NOT ban New Year resolutions. A great debate to start the year.

Huda Farooqui (year 8)

Boys Sports News

Mr Cartledge – Head of PE Faculty

Boys Inter House Football

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th December

In the last week before Christmas students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 took part in the annual Inter House Football competitions. Participation levels were excellent with nearly 50 boys taking part every evening. The matches were really keenly contested and it was great to see the competitions played in great spirit. The results of each competition can be seen below with ASH House and MAPLE House coming out as the overall Inter House Football Champions for 2015. Well done to all those that took part.

Pos.	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1st 70 pts	Willow	Beech	Ash	Oak
2nd 60 pts	Beech	Oak	Sycamore	Ash
3rd 50 pts	Maple	Maple	Elm	Maple
4th 40 pts	Sycamore	Sycamore	Maple	Elm
5th 30 pts	Ash	Ash	Oak	Beech
6th 20 pts	Oak	Elm	Beech	Willow
7th 10 pts	Elm	Willow		Sycamore

- No year 9 team for Willow

Overall scores

Position	HOUSE	Points Total
1=	ASH	190
1=	MAPLE	190
3=	BEECH	180
3=	OAK	180
5	SYCAMORE	150
6	ELM	120
7	WILLOW	100

Basketball and Rugby

This term the Boys will complete their District rugby and basketball league fixtures. Basketball practices will take place every lunchtime with after school basketball and rugby training place when fixtures allow. Students and parents should check the school website and the PE twitter account to stay updated. Basketball results so far:



Year 7 Basketball v Immanuel (District Division 1)

Date : Wednesday 6th January

Result : Lost 11-6

Squad : Toyosi Oyedji, Luke Andrews, Ben Castello, Jay Marsh, Taylor Bees, Jalen Sotomey, Luke Georgiou, Charlie Mainwaring, Jake Norris-Ataie, Virat Sangasinha, Leo Enright, George Rowe

Comment : It was the first game for the year 7 Basketball team and the boys performance improved as the game went on. Taylor Bees was the team's outstanding player with some strong defence and good game understanding on offence.

Year 7 Basketball v Rickmansworth (District Division 1)

Date : Thursday 14th January

Result : Won 26-24

Squad : Toyosi Oyedji, Luke Andrews, Ben Castello, Taylor Bees, Jalen Sotomey, Luke Georgiou, Charlie Mainwaring, Alfie Sullivan, Archie Sykes, Virat Sangasinha, Leo Enright, George Rowe

Comment : An excellent team performance from the Year 7 basketball team. The boys listened to advice and began to get a good game understanding. Toyosi Oyedji performed excellent but new recruits Alfie Sullivan and Archie Sykes were brilliant.

Year 8 Basketball v Immanuel (District Division 1)

Date : Wednesday 6th January

Result : Lost 10-6

Squad : Kieran Barnard-White, Pavit Sangasinha, Olu Oshisanya, Ross Marsh, James Kimber, Mohamed Djahnit, Jame Demir, Jake Watt, Ediz Yassikaya

Comment : The boys were very unlucky to lose by an effective tall player from Immanuel was tough to handle. Some positives to take from the performance and onto the next opponent. Special mention to Olu Oshisanya who has shown a major improvement in his performance and game understanding.

Year 8 Basketball v FC Academy (District Division 1)

Date : Monday 11th January

Result : Won 30 - 12

Squad : Kieran Barnard-White, Pavit Sangasinha, Olu Oshisanya, Ross Marsh, James Kimber, Mohamed Djahnit, Jame Demir, Jake Watt, Prince Coaster Etuk, Avon Shrestha, Ediz Yassikaya

Comment : A much improved performance from the Year 8 basketball team. They listened well to advice and showed better understanding of the game in defence and offence. Special mention to Prince Coaster-Etuk who came back into the team and worked hard.

Year 9 Basketball v St Michaels (District Premier League)

Date : Thursday 14th January

Result : Lost 36-34

Scorers : Ben Faulkner 18, Peter Ayani 6, Joel Smith 4, Yama Qarib 4, Sam Beaven 2

Squad : Ben Faulkner, Yama Qarib, Joel Smith, Mert Temiz, Sam Beaven, Ben Karakaya, Peter Ayani, Phillip Michie, Jack Fordham, Tadas Taraskevicius

Comment : The boys were very unlucky to lose by one basket after a very close and keenly contested game. Special mention to Ben Faulkner who had an excellent game on offence.

Year 10 Basketball v St Michaels (District Division 1)

Date : Wednesday 13th January

Result : Lost 24 - 9

Squad : Simeon Ben-Nathan, Chris King, Callum Bedwell, Juliuz Pazio, Sam Basnett, Chris Osei, Kieron Woodhouse, Michael Lawman, Kyran Feasey, Curtis Meale.

Comment : A good defensive display by the squad but lots of improvement and training needed on the offense. Scoring more points must be the focus from now on.

House Art and Photography Competition

Tuesday 19th January 2016

By Sara Ash, Assistant Headteacher

On Tuesday the Heads of House held the inaugural art and Photography competition. The entries were displayed in the main hall with live music and refreshments helping to create an entertaining environment.

The themes of "Light" and "Progress" were given as inspiration and we had a wide variety of high quality entries which made judging very difficult! Finally the winning entries were revealed as follows:

KS3



Krish Varma 7 Oak "Light"

KS4



Harry Bowden 10 Beech "Progress"

KS5



Jack Cowley 13 Willow "Progress"

Arts



Euan Enright 10 Ash "Light"

Overall Winner

Danny Lawrence
8 Oak

"Light"



Runners Up:

KS3: Jessica Wood 8Beech

KS4: Amira Izhar 11Oak

KS5: Matt Hale 13Sycamore

Arts: Lauren Parr 10Maple

Highly Commended:

Jordan Burke 11 Ash

Emma Sullivan 10Sycamore

Vanishita Mishra 8Ash

Katrina Phillimore 10Elm

Harry Kirby 9Oak

Finlay Crasnier 7Maple

Daisy Olyett 10Beech

Geography? It's Everywhere!

By Mr.Newbold



Year 8 Geography students have been out and about around Bushey Meads, investigating "microclimates" around the school site. They are currently working on a project that requires them to investigate five sites and to compare their temperatures and wind speed/direction using thermometers and anemometers. It makes a change from learning in the classroom even when the weather is cold and rainy!



Having recorded the data, students are now busy back in the classroom writing up what they have done, drawing graphs to show their results and reflecting on why their hypotheses were correct or not as expected. They have enjoyed this practical hands-on approach to learning about microclimates. Holly commented "you don't have to just sit... you get to go outside and do activities", whilst Cerys has found it to be "fun and different". Casey agreed saying "it is different but fun. It also teaches you how to use different equipment" and "you get involved more".

Oliver! - Catch Up With The Stars

By Amira - Arts Faculty Journalist

The Oliver rehearsals are swiftly coming to a close and the cast and crew are now starting to round things off in preparation for the performances. The set has almost been perfected and so have the songs and scenes! I'm sure by now most of you have bought your tickets and are eagerly anticipating the performance. If not, hurry. They're selling fast!!

I caught up with Luke, Year 7, who plays the lead role, Oliver. Here's what he had to say...

Amira: Hi Luke, why don't you tell me a bit about yourself?

Luke: I'm 12 years old, I've been in an acting club with my older brother Aaron since year 1 and I like listening to music from the 60s and 70s with my dad.

Amira: Wow, so tell me how you managed to land the lead role!

Luke: I've seen my older brother in school productions so I thought I might as well give it a try. I auditioned with the song 'Where is Love?' and when I saw my name on the cast list as Oliver I just couldn't believe it!

Amira: So have you seen the film, how are you getting into character?

Luke: When I was much younger I actually saw it in London which was amazing. I've seen the DVD a couple of times and I'll be watching it again to get into my role.

Amira: Good plan! How many solos do you have?

Luke: Well, I have my big solo 'Where is Love?' and then bits in other songs. Altogether I'm in about 6 or 7 musical numbers.

Amira: That's a lot of work. Are you feeling any nerves leading up to the performances?

Luke: Well everyone's been treating me so nicely and I've had a lot of practice being on stage. Being a main character has taken up a lot of my time and it is hard work but I get into it and with practise I've been doing well.

Amira: That's incredible. Best of luck performing on all the nights, Luke!

What The Dickens?

Mr. Knowles – Head of Arts Faculty

We are nearly there. The curtain will be going up on the first night of our school production of Lionel Bart's *Oliver!* on Tuesday 9th February. The performers have been hard at work since September, the orchestra is ready and tickets are selling fast.



This year's set design has surpassed all previous productions at Bushey Meads. This is largely down to the commitment and hard work of one very talented year 10 student - Aaron.

After a meeting with the cast and crew to discuss ideas for the set, Aaron took it upon himself to create a 3D model on Google Sketch-up. Last weekend his designs became reality as, thanks to the generosity of Graham and his team at 'Scene It All', we were able to install a wonderfully artistic and practical set.

Students and staff have been equally as generous in their time to ensure the set and props are painted to match our ambitions for this show.

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The finished set, unpainted.

[Preview attachment 20160117_120519.jpg](#)[20160117_120519.jpg](#)1.4 MB

Mr Heyward and the painting team. Students and staff worked for six hours on Sunday to ensure the base coat was completed.

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Adding detail to the brickwork. This has been laser cut to look realistic.

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The set being used in rehearsal.

Tickets are on sale at lunchtimes from the main school office just outside the staffroom. Students can get to this from the entrance near the learning resource centre.

£7 adults

£4 concessions

More Able at BMS – The BMS supercurricular club

Our brand new supercurricular club got off to a flying start last week. We have had interest from students in a variety of year groups regarding a variety of different projects ranging from completing a mooc (massive online open course) to setting up their own filming club.



The supercurricular club has been started to allow all students at BMS to spend time completing independent projects that interest them. The club will assist students in participating in a range of supercurricular opportunities and celebrate their achievements in their endeavours.

If it is something that you think you would be interested in then it's not too late to join. Just come along after school on Thursdays. The venue for the club will be L8.

Sports Report

Wednesday 13th January - Tuesday 19th January

Girls Football

Date:13 /1/16

Junior Girls - SW

Opposition: Bushey Academy

Result: Lost 6 - 1

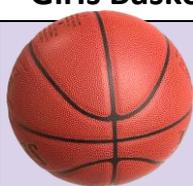
Squad: K.Branigan, A.Elman, L.Roberts, F.Boselli, B.Costa, S.Plummer, B.Brindley,

Comment: An impressive performance from the girls and the game was in fact much closer than the score suggests. Excellent motivation and encouragement from their captain helped too.

Player of match: K. Branigan



Girls Basketball



Date:14 /1/16

Year 8 Girls - SW

Opposition: District Tournament **Result:** 5th

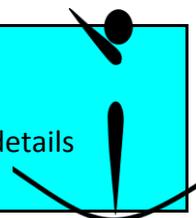
Squad: A. Finley, E. Henson, K, Guransegar, C. Lightfoot, E. Estrada, A. Andrews

Comment: The girls played some good basketball and there was definitely huge progress as the team moved through the games. Some impressive defending towards to the end of the tournament.

Player of tournament: A. Andrews

Trampolining Sessions with High Springers Trampoline club

Monday's in the gym from January 18th - check the extranet and noticeboards for details



Zumba - Tuesday's in the gym 3.15 - 4.15, all welcome

Gymnastics Club - Wednesday and Thursday after school

Boys Hockey

Date:18 /1/16

Junior Boys - SJC

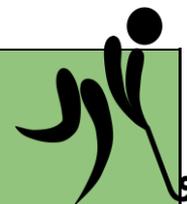
Opposition: Rickmansworth

Result: Lost 0-3

Squad: Nisarg Patel, Vedant Christian, Niall O'Shea, Kenneth Freeman, George Issa, Ben Heels

Comment: The first match for the junior boys hockey squad was a massive learning experience. The boys played well throughout the game and had periods of play where they were really unlucky not to score. With continued effort and practice they show great promise for the future.

Player of match: Vedant Christian



A Reminder to Year 8 students your Wheelpower Sponsor money is due in on Friday 29th January. Please hand in to the student window.

BY KIND PERMISSION OF *MUSICSCOPE*, BUSHEY MEADS SCHOOL PRESENTS...



OLIVER!



ADULTS: £7

CONCESSIONS: £4

TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY UNTIL THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM MAIN SCHOOL OFFICE
(NEAR THE VISITS SAFE)

13 January 2016

Dear Parents/carers

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

We will have vacancies on the Governing Body at the end of this month, due to the expiry of the terms of office of three of our valued and experienced parent governors. The post carries significant responsibility for the present and future direction of the school. The term of office is four years, irrespective of the leaving date of the Governor's child. Once elected, parent governors serve on one of the Governing Body sub-Committees and attend around 8 evening meetings a year. We also hold joint training and social events with Little Reddings Governing body, and governors are invited to attend all the varied whole school events and activities that take place throughout the school year.

A Parent Governor is a person who is elected to the Governing Body by parents/carers of registered pupils at the school, and who is qualified as a parent/carer at the time of election. The following are eligible for nomination and to vote:

- a) natural parents
- b) adoptive parents
- c) step parents
- d) foster parents, guardians and anyone else who has actual responsibility for the child on a day to day basis.

If there is any question about eligibility please let me know. Should you wish to stand for election, please complete the nomination form overleaf. Your nomination must be seconded by another parent/carer as defined above. Nomination forms must be returned to the School Office by **3:30 p.m. on Wednesday 27 January 2016**, marked for the attention of Debbie Marshall, Clerk to the Governors.

You are asked to give on the nomination form brief details about yourself, approximately 80 words, in support of your nomination which will be made available with the voting paper issued to all parents/carers should more than one nomination be received. It would be helpful for your details to include the school year of your child/ren, your particular interest in education and in being a Governor, any skills you will bring to bear for the benefit of the school and any relevant business background you may have. If it is necessary for a ballot to be held, voting papers will be sent to you. Each parent/carer may submit one vote for the vacancy. The ballot will be secret and the result will be posted in Headlines on the Home page of the website. If there is only one nomination then that person will be duly elected unopposed and likewise the result will be made available to all parents/carers via Headlines.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the role of a Parent Governor or about the election procedure. I look forward to receiving nominations.

Yours sincerely

Jeremy Turner
Executive Principal

NOMINATION FOR THE POST OF PARENT GOVERNOR

I have a child at the school and hereby nominate myself for consideration for appointment as a Governor of the School. Biographical details for inclusion with the voting paper are given below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name of child/ren: _____

Seconded by:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Name of child/ren: _____

Signature: _____

Supporting Statement

(please limit to 80 words – continue overleaf if necessary)

Completed nomination form must be returned to the School Office by **3:30pm on Wednesday, 27 January 2016**, marked for the attention of Debbie Marshall, Clerk to the Gove