

BMS Ski Trip - Falcade 2016



With a bunch of Year 10's eager to Ski in Falcade, we left a bitterly cold Bushey Meads in the afternoon ready for another ski adventure. Having had to deal with a missing passport, we headed to Falcade via the Euro Tunnel. By the time we had reached Falcade with a lot of tired looking students who decided not to sleep on the coach, we arrived at the

San Guisto Hotel to meet our rep, Tim. We got off the coach (after having to deal with a few students getting travel sick...Shout out to Jack Leyshon!!) and settled into our rooms and had a bite to eat. The first couple of days were eventful from students actually realizing they are going to be eating pasta for lunch to seeing each other ski for the first time and laughing at each other's mistakes. It was great to see BMS students embrace the Italian culture and even use some of the lingo to communicate (uno longo!!). By Monday we were hit with overcast and snow which meant that novice skiers were going to have to get used to skiing with low visibility. This proved to be a challenge for some and other relished the opportunity to put their skiing skills to the test.

By midweek, it was clear to see that progress had been made from all the students' beginners to the experienced. The top group had covered at least half of the resort and the beginners were now off the baby slope and attacking the more challenging runs. Skiing with one of the beginners groups, it was nice to see them (I should say hear through screaming!!) pushing themselves and accomplishing some excellent achievements such as skiing down to the restaurant where we had lunch every day. We had a massive dump down of snow on the Tuesday night into Wednesday morning and it showed students how challenging predicting the weather can be. By the end of the week there were a lot of happy Bushey Meads skiers who were very sad to leave and head home, even saying good bye to the Ski



Maestros proved challenging. It was obvious they had experienced a wonderful trip, especially at the presentation and disco where students were able to let loose and party hard.

I want to take this opportunity to thank my ski team, Miss Waring, Mr Hawkins, Miss Open, Miss Bevan-Davies, Mr Shah and Miss Brewer for

making this trip one of the best ever. I can honestly say this trip will always be remembered for Kat taking a tumble and getting stuck nearly shoulder deep, students gaining nicknames for some of the silly things done (Passport, Sicknote) and the fact that there were a few holiday romances!.....#WeAreBusheyMeads2016.

Watch this space for Falcade 2017.

Mr Besisira



Dates for the Diary

8th March

Y9 Parents Evening 4.30-7.30

9th March

Marking and moderation – **school finishes at 1.20pm for students**

Governors Meeting

14th – 18th March

Health and Fitness week

15th March

Raising Achievement evening 6.30-7.30

15th March

Y8 Parents Meeting re French Trip 6-7 pm

Y11 Raising Achievement Evening 6.30

16th March

UCAS convention Year 12

Y9 Options Evening 6.30-8.30

Y9 Emerging Schools County Netball Day

Governors Meeting

17th March

Y7-10 Rotary Technology Tournament

Y9/13 Apprentices Trip

Y9/10 French conference

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

KEY STAGE 3



This weeks Key Stage 3 student of the week is Charlie in 7 Elm. Charlie has the most achievement points in the whole of Year 7 and is currently second in whole of Key Stage 3! He has over 200 reward points and 0 consequence points. Charlie has 100% attendance and his ATL's in his last assessment were nearly all 6 or 7. Charlie is a great example of how hard work enables to reach your potential! Keep up the enthusiasm and dedication and no doubt you will reach your potential.

KEY STAGE 4



This week's student of the week is Ellie (Year 10) and has been nominated by the Senior Pastoral Manager, Miss Dhanecha. Ellie has been a wonderful support to a new student in Year 7 to help her settle in. Ellie is also one of Bushey Meads' talented dancers and partakes in a number of extra curricular activities. Ellie is full of life and always happy to help others. We are really proud to have you as part of our school community Ellie, thank you for your continued positive contribution to our school.

KEY STAGE 5



Jack 12Elm

Our KS5 student of the week is Jack who is in year 12. He has been given the award for his dedication to his studies with an excellent attendance record and a commitment to studying every evening after school in the Sixth Form study centre. Jack is currently studying further maths, ICT, mathematics and physics.

Word of the Week (WOW) at Bushey Meads

Danielle Bowe - Lead Practitioner for English and Whole school Literacy

On Monday we mixed tutor time up a little bit at Bushey Meads and we didn't share our word of the week. Instead, we asked students on Thursday to guess if they could tell what the WOW was after all staff were caught using it in their lessons!



Word of the Week 29.2.2016

Pronounce it: *per-plex-d*

Definition Adjective

-completely baffled; very puzzled.
-full of difficulty or confusion or bewilderment.

We use the adjective perplexed to describe someone who is utterly baffled or confused. If you've ever seen a great magic show and haven't a clue how the magician's assistant escaped from the cage in one piece after being cut in half, you've been *perplexed*.

There's a particular bewildered kind of facial expression that goes along with the word *perplexed*. It's the kind of emotion that's hard to disguise. The Latin root *perplexus* means "confused or entangled," and "entangled" is a great way to imagine the tied-up thoughts and confusion of someone who's *perplexed*!

Examples in sentences:

- "Jimmy, you look very perplexed. Can I help you?"
- The students' perplexed faces told the teacher he had to re-explain the task.
- We were perplexed by our dog's strange behaviour so knew we should take him straight to the vets.

late 15th century (as the adjective *perplexed*): from the adjective *perplex* 'bewildered', from Latin *perplexus* 'entangled', based on *plexus* 'interwoven', from the verb *plexere*.



perplexed

Use it instead of:
confused, puzzled, uncertain, troubled

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

Parent View Your child's school

Stakeholder Surveys and Questionnaires

At Bushey Meads School we listen carefully to all members of the school community and work together to improve the school. Every year we conduct a number of surveys involving all of our key stakeholders (students, staff, parents and governors) and feed the information obtained into our ongoing school improvement planning.



All parents are being encouraged to use the online Parent View Questionnaire. If you haven't yet completed this questionnaire, please do click on the link below to access it and enter your opinions of our school.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

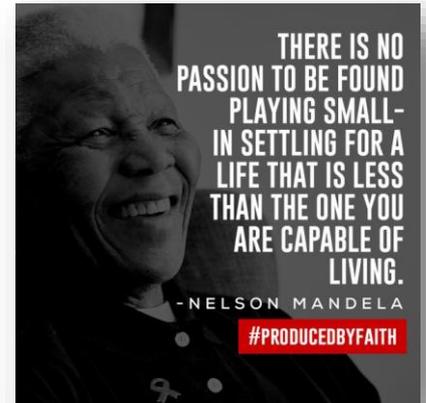
Theme of the week

Mr Malik – Head of Year 8 & 9

This week's theme of the week was Realising your Potential. Assemblies and tutor time assemblies focus on students discovering their talents by reflecting on themselves and then setting goal that will challenge them. Students were encouraged to look at people who inspired them. Followed by exploring a new skill by going to one of our extensive range of extra-curricular activities ranging from debating, technology to a variety of sporting options.

Ms Smart gave the analogy of Aluminium. Aluminium was once more precious than gold! Aluminium comes from bauxite, which used to be really hard to extract, leaving scientists perplexed in how to get to it! In the 19th Century scientist worked out how to extract it. Each and every student's potential is just like aluminium, they just need to realise how to get it out!

The real message of this week's theme was that each and every student has strengths and talents that they may not even be aware of and the key was to show them simple steps they can take to unlock this potential including, reflections, being optimistic, being grateful, setting goals, being a lifelong learner and finally embracing change. We look forward to seeing students follow these steps and discover wonderful talents and skills they have and unlock their potential.



VACANCIES

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

Assistant Headteacher

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.



Year 10 Work Experience at BMS

Mr Turner, Executive Principal

This week our hardworking Year 10 students have been out on work experience – a great opportunity to experience the world of work and develop the important life skills needed for exciting future paths that might lie ahead, following their journey into the Sixth Form and Higher Education as appropriate.

A number of students are also completing their work experience at Bushey Meads School, working alongside our staff and experiencing the complexities and varied opportunities of working in a busy school.

It was a real delight to see Harry supporting the learning in a Year 7 Maths lesson. He was working with Lenny and helping him complete some quite complex tasks involving the plotting of coordinates across all quadrants and the creation of straight line graphs.



House points update

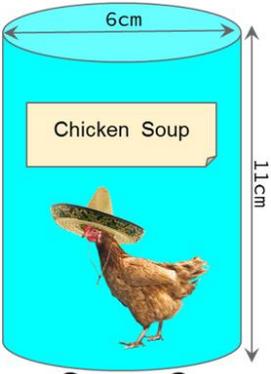
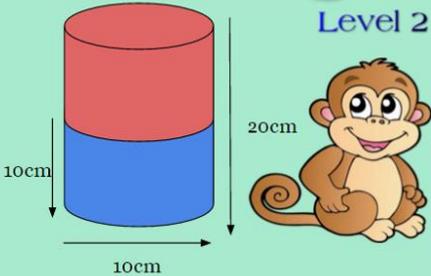
Mrs Ash, Assistant Headteacher

The competition between the Houses is hotting up with the points becoming very close. Students can help improve their Houses points total by receiving reward points in lessons and through receiving an R4 (10 points) for 100% attendance, punctuality and for receiving no consequence points in a term.

Participating in House activities is another way to earn yourself and your house some extra points. The next big House event is House Music which is being held on 21st April, more details to follow soon!

Maths challenge

Mr Akram – Maths

<p>Maths Challenge Level 1</p>  <p>A tin of chicken soup has a diameter of 6cm and a height of 11cm. Using these measurements work out the volume of the tin full of soup.</p> <p>12patelr@busheymeads.org.uk 12baldryc@busheymeads.org.uk</p>	<p>Maths Challenge Level 2</p>  <p>Sunita is doing an experiment to find the radius of a marble. They fill a cylindrical container of diameter 10cm and height 20cm, with water to a depth of 10cm. 200 identical marbles are submerged into the water. The depth increases to 14.5cm. Calculate the marble's radius.</p> <p>12thirucumarany@busheymeads.org.uk 12woolmerv@busheymeads.org.uk</p>	<p>Maths Challenge Level 3</p> <p>A rubber pipette can be split into a hemisphere, two frustums, and a cylinder. The hemisphere has a diameter of 16cm. The first Frustum has a height of 4cm and the diameter of the smaller circle is 9 cm. The next frustum has a height of 6cm and the smaller circle of that frustum has a diameter of 4.5 cm. The final cylinder has a height of 12cm How much can the pipette hold at full capacity? Leave your answer to 2dp.</p>  <p>12sindhis@busheymeads.org.uk 12campbell@busheymeads.org.uk</p>
<p>When you have completed any of the challenges, email the addresses below or to Mr Akram (akama@busheymeads.org.uk) with your answers, written answers to any Maths teacher. First correct answer wins a PRIZE. Thank you and good luck.</p>		

Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Sara Ash, Assistant Headteacher



A reminder to all students that we are currently recruiting for student Anti Bullying Ambassadors. Students wanting to apply for this responsible but rewarding position as a Bushey Meads School Anti Bullying Ambassador should write a short letter to Mrs Ash explaining why they would like to apply for the position and reasons why they should be considered for the role.

The deadline for applications is Wednesday 24th February.
Successful applicants will receive full training and ongoing support

Boys Sports News

Football, Basketball and Rugby FIXTURES WEEK BEGINNING MON 22nd FEBRUARY

Year 9 Basketball v St Clement Danes (District Premier League)

Date : Monday 29th February

Result : Lost 28-24

Scorers : Charlie Lyall 16, Joel Smith 4, Jack Fordham 2, Peter Ayani 2

Squad : Charlie Lyall, Joel Smith , Jack Fordham , Peter Ayani, Yama Qarib, Peter Ayani, Phillip Michie, Tadas Taraskevicius, Jayson Jeyananthan, Ben Karakaya, Carter Currie

Comment : The boys completed their first season in the District Premier League with another very narrow defeat. An outstanding individual performance by Charlie Lyall was the highlight but all the boys can be pleased with the progress they have made this year.

Year 7 Rugby v DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT TOURNAMENT

Date : Thursday 25th February

Result : Tournament Winners

Squad : Reid Sims, Archie Sykes, Taylor Bees, Charlie Mainwaring, Shyam Pattni, Gabriel Meunier-Murphy, Max Musula, Thomas Phillips, George Rowe, Leo Enright, Jesse Harry-Brown, Jay Marsh, Toyosi Oyedeji, Alfie Sullivan

Comment : The Year 7 rugby team played amazingly keeping their unbeaten streak against tough opposition. In all, the team performed exceptionally well, gaining a space in the County Development Tournament to be held in March.

Year 7 Rugby v FC Academy (District League)

Date : Mon 29th February

Result : Won 35 - 20

Squad : Reid Sims, Archie Sykes, Taylor Bees, Charlie Mainwaring, Shyam Pattni, Gabriel Meunier-Murphy, Max Musula, Thomas Phillips, George Rowe, Leo Enright, Jesse Harry-Brown, Jay Marsh, Toyosi Oyedeji

Comment : A great performance from the entire squad. A dominant running game from Bushey Meads was far too much for the defence of the other team.

Year 10 Rugby v Ashlyns (County Development Quarterfinals)

Date : Fri 26th February

Result : Won 22 - 12

Squad : Callum Watt, Robbie Marsh (capt), Sam wright, Ethan Thrale, Kieran Woodhouse, Chris King, Tom Williamson, Tom Lake, Kellan Fordham, Curtis Meale, Callum Bedwell, Sam Basnett, Kian Gumble, Victor Williams, Euan Enright, Asad Raja, Jack Leyshon

Comment : A tremendous defensive display against a very physically intimidating opposition. Outgunned in size and speed the entire squad tackled and rucked tirelessly to achieve a well deserved win.

DISTRICT SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS : Boys

Date : Tuesday 1st March

Year 7 Boys squad : Leo Enright, Jay Marsh, Luke Andrews, Taylor Bees, Luke Robinson, Charlie Mainwaring and George Rowe.

Year 8 Boys squad : Prince Coaster-Etuk, Joe Heels, Pavit Sangasinha, James Kimber, Lewis Reid, Marvin Akaki, Kamron Campbell and Christian Okeke.

DISTRICT SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS : Girls

Date : Tuesday 1st March

Year 7 Girls squad : Jess Beneveniste, Vicky Fordham, Franchesca Boselli, Betty-Louise Coste, Shantae Plummer and Zeal Rathod.

Year 8 Girls squad : Lauryn Bayliss, Kaitlyn Williams, Myfanwy Taylor-Bean, Anna Finley, Kanishka Gunasegaran, Thalia Sampson, Nicole Redman and Anais Harbin.

Another Tranche of Toolkits for our Teachers

Hilary Morawska – Deputy Headteacher



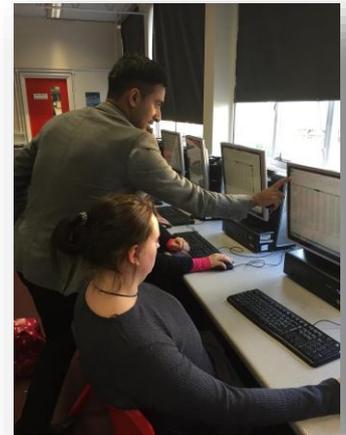
As we build up speed towards the summer examinations our staff, eager to learn more, attended another exceptionally well planned and presented group of professional development sessions. To support improved practice and understanding of proven strategies, staff gained and practised new skills which will continue the drive to gain the best of results, for our students.

The sessions presented supported staff in how to analyse student assessment data to inform planning and intervention. Staff learnt how to use Solo Taxonomy to support their students' self-assessment and understanding of their own progress. Strategies to working effectively to utilise the wealth of experience with our Teaching Assistants were also explored. The use of technology to support teaching, including using examination board websites to analyse whole subject results where staff can drill down into each examination question

were presented. In addition, staff were wholly engaged by the highly interactive revision games, which hooked the staff so I am certain our students will be captivated and learn from these, too.

I certainly look forward to visiting classrooms to see these wonderful strategies, learnt today, put into practice for the benefit of our students learning, enjoyment and progress. I would like to thank the staff who were involved in presenting these sessions: Mrs Charles, Mrs Knowles, Miss Brewer, Mr Akram, Miss Rowden, Mrs Open, Mrs Williams and Mr Arnold.

I will send some pics over to you, for you to choose your favourite ones.



Cheques no longer accepted

By Finance Department

Please note from effect of the 1st March 2016 we will no longer be accepting cheques.

All payments are to be made online, using your Tucasi secure scopay.com log-in details which have been recently sent to you.

If you are unable to set up an online account or require your Tucasi secure scopay.com log-in details, please contact finance on finance@busheymeads.org.uk. Thank you in advance for your co-operation

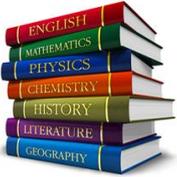
Reach for the Stars

Sara Ash, Assistant Headteacher

32 year 11 students attended a workshop in the Sixth Form Study Centre entitled "How to gain an A* in GCSE English". Mr Dawson, led the session with the students looking at how they can improve their writing techniques in order to access the top marks available

More able at BMS

Helen Booth



A group of our more able historians at BMS meet every Tuesday lunch time to write and produce *So Last Era*: Bushey Meads School's dedicated history magazine. The magazine was set up by Mr Lyley and the team includes students from years 7 to 10. Each issue the team focus on a different letter of the alphabet and include articles about historical events relating to this letter.



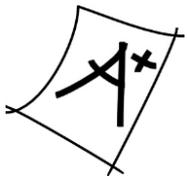
This is what some of the students have to say about being a member of the magazine:

"I feel that the whole idea of the history magazine is a very pleasurable experience and you learn new historical facts that you never would have the chance to find out and research."

Zara, year 7 student.

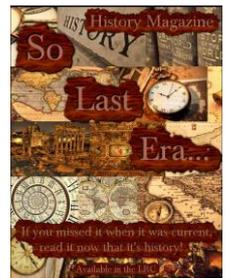
"For me, the magazine has been particularly helpful in the skills and knowledge that I've developed as this is a field that I would potentially like to go into one day."

Victoria, year 10 student.



So why not check out the next issue of *So Last Era* for some interesting accounts of history: available now in an LRC near you! The magazine is also looking for more contributors. It is open to all students in years 7 – 10. The team meet every Tuesday lunchtime at 1:30pm in LRC1. See Mr Lyley for more details.

Also Mr Lyley will soon taking part in a sponsored beard shave to raise funds for the magazine it would be great if as many people in the school as possible could sponsor him. More details to follow! Other fundraising activities that will be taking place include a sponsored silence and a *Game of Thrones* inspired bake sale.



Chef's News

Alison Hanbury

On Friday, the D&T: Food department was privileged to host Russell Bateman, National Chef of the Year 2014 and current Head Chef of Colette's restaurant at the Grove Hotel.

Russell was with us for the morning and managed to speak to Year 9, 10 and Year 12 food students.

As he talked us through his extensive and very impressive CV as he prepared beautiful leeks gently sweated down with butter and seasoning, he then stirred through beautiful Welsh crab. Russell then demonstrated how to fillet and skin a whole brill that was delivered that day from his fishmonger in Cornwall. The fillet was pan fried and then baked in the



oven with a nut butter crust that melted in the oven providing a rich, nutty sauce. As if those two dishes weren't enough, Russell also made fresh pasta! He turned the pasta into roasted cauliflower agnolotti.

Overall it was a fabulous experience for the students and the staff who came to watch. Russell was able to inspire the students in their cooking and hopefully choices for next year.

The students were engaged asking lots of questions. There was almost a stampede to the beautifully presented dish when it was tasting time.



Lana Barnes 9 Oak said 'I was wowed by the amount of ravishing food the chef produced. He was so down to earth and knew what to say to inspire us to be better cooks'