

## Talented BMS Artists Recognised at both a Local and National Level

As highlighted in this week's newsletter, five of our talented artists have had their works included in a Royal Society of British Artists National Students' Art Exhibition which ran from 5 July to 9 July 2016. Held under the patronage of the Royal Society of British Artists as part of their commitment to supporting young artists, the National Students' Art Exhibition features work by gifted and talented students from Schools, Colleges and Academies across the country.



## Dates for the Diary

22 July - Term Ends 12.20

Friday 2 September

Y7 Induction Day

Y11 appointments as notified

Y12/13 register -appointments notified

5<sup>th</sup> September

All students start 8.40 a.m

Y12/13 Induction Day

10<sup>th</sup> September

SWHC Schools Academic Test



I would like to congratulate all the students and also the staff here at BMS who nurture such creative talent with our students from Year 7 – 13 and showcase such fabulous art work, both in school and across the local area.



The most recent local exhibition was at the Lucy Kemp Welch Gallery in Church House as part of the Bushey Festival 2016. This event was hugely prestigious and was attended by Oliver Dowden, the local MP for Hertsmere and Councillor Pete Rutledge, the Mayor of Hertsmere, along with other local dignitaries.

**Jeremy Turner**  
Executive Principal

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

## KEY STAGE 3



### **Leo – 8Ash**

Leo has been nominated for Student of the Week for his duties as a BMS buddy and his general participation in the BMS community. Leo assisted with Year 6 interviews to ensure that the new students had a very positive experience and felt welcomed to our school. Leo also helped at the Transition Evening, participating in a fashion show along with other students. In addition to this Leo is part of the Dance Company and represents the school in other sporting activities. Leo has excellent attendance and AtL scores. Well done Leo. Keep up the good work in Year 8.

## KEY STAGE 5



### **Devan 10Sycamore**

Devan has chosen for his extensive commitment to the school community and his leadership skills. Devan took a lead role in the performance of "A Midsummer's Night Dream" and demonstrated superb comic timing. Devan has also developed strong leadership skills through his responsibility as Head DJ for the School Radio.

## KEY STAGE 5



### **Megan 12Beech**

Our KS5 student of the week is Megan. Megan has been chosen for her outstanding commitment to her learning, demonstrated through her Attitude to Learning scores and for her commitment to supporting the school community. Megan is studying English, music, photography and the Extended Project Qualification.

# Word of the Week (WOW) at Bushey Meads

Danielle Bowe - Lead Practitioner for English and Whole school Literacy

## Language is empowering

Our final Word of the Week is 'euphoric'. I'm sure you can work out why. Happy holidays!



**Word of the Week** 18.7.16

**Pronounce it: Yew-fo-ric** adjective

modern Latin, from Greek, from *euphoros* 'borne well, healthy', from *eu* 'well' + *pherein* 'to bear'.



**Euphoric**

**Definition**  
-exaggerated feeling of well-being or elation

To be euphoric is to be carried away with fantastically good feelings. We can imagine Andy Murray felt *euphoric* after winning Wimbledon last weekend. When someone's euphoric, they're so happy that they might have lost touch with reality for the moment; it being almost "too good to be true". It's been a long academic year-it would be safe to say Bushey Meads School will be celebrating our achievements (and the end of term) euphorically on Friday. We also look forward to our year 11, 12 and 13 students being euphoric when they open their exam results envelopes in August!

**Examples in sentences:**

- Lewis Hamilton was euphoric as he celebrated on the podium after winning the British Grand Prix.
- The crowd were euphoric when the band appeared on stage.

**Use it instead of:**  
happy, joyful, delighted, blissful, rapturous, ecstatic.

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

## Arrangements for Collecting Exam Results

Years 11-13 will all be excited and anticipating the moment where they can open their results following their hard work this year. Students can arrive at school at the times given below which will be followed by the distribution of the results.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August: **Main Hall**

**YEAR 13:** Arrivals from 8:30  
**YEAR 12:** Arrivals from 9:30

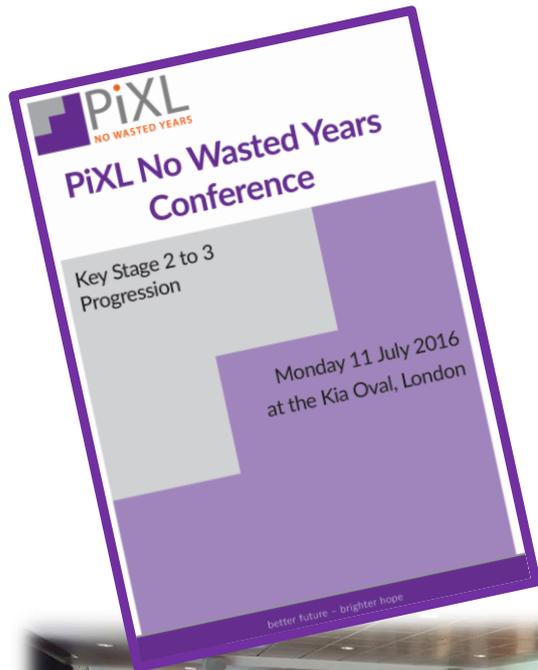
**Results distributed:** 8:50  
**Results distributed:** 9:45

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August: **Main Hall**

**YEAR 11:** Arrivals from 9:00 in the School Restaurant  
**Results distributed:** 9:30 from the Main Hall

# Sharing Best Practice at two National Conferences

Mr Turner, Executive Principal



It was fantastic to see three exceptional staff from the Bushey St James Trust present key sessions at the recent Partners in Excellence (PiXL) National Conferences at the Kia Oval in London and the Lowry Centre in Manchester.

Speaking about and sharing high quality resources developed at both Bushey Meads and Little Reddings Primary Schools they contributed to the all-important agenda of Transition from Key Stage 2 to 3 under the title of No Wasted Years.



Senior Assistant Headteacher, Bill Fisher, spoke again in four separate sessions (on two occasions to nearly 500 delegates) about the exemplary transition process offered at Bushey Meads School – a process that effectively supports both the pastoral and academic journey from Key Stage 2 – 3.

In four separate sessions across the two conferences Assistant Headteacher LRS, Seb Gray, and Fazana Farook, Lead Practitioner for English at KS2 – 3, showcased their work and the superb resources they have developed to promote writing across the two phases.



# Year 6 Transition Day 2016 at BMS

Mr Turner, Executive Principal



Our Year 6 Transition Day started really positively with a super friendly welcome from Mr Fisher who also set the tone for an exciting learning journey over the next 7 years at Bushey Meads School. Our school Motto Aspire to Achieve and our strong 'Growth Mindset' ethos inspired all the young aspirant learners eager to join our superb learning community and achieve at the highest level.



There have been so many positive comments made by students and parents about our exemplary transition process which has taken place over the last few months and continues over the summer holiday. The majority of schools in the country do not pay the attention to detail that staff at our school pay and certainly do not arrange even half the activities and meetings with parents, students and families that we do to ensure that every child feels safe and welcome and excited about their years ahead at Bushey Meads.

I would like to thank all the staff involved in ensuring that our very important Year 6 Transition Day was so successful, especially our hardworking and dedicated Assistant Pastoral Manager, Mrs Smart.

# Positive Praise!

Mr Turner, Executive Principal

It is always lovely to receive positive feedback from parents about the work that we do at BMS. We were delighted to receive so much positive verbal and written feedback about our recent Year 6 Induction Day and Evening. These particular ones that parents took the trouble to write are some nice examples.....

*I am just writing to say how impressed I was with the New Intake Parents Evening last night. What really stood out to me, and the other parents I was sitting with, was the focus being on the wellbeing of the child and not the push of focusing on results. I want my child to be happy at school and was really inspired to hear the various speakers talk about how the children will be looked after within the school, which all goes towards them fulfilling their potential and working at their best.*

*Things have changed, for the better I feel, with all the effort that is going into making the new year 7 students welcome to the school. I can see a big change for the better from when my older son came 4 years ago. There has been a lot of effort put into helping the children with the transition because as parents we see the change in behaviour that our children can't express because of all the changes and the unknown to come. I do feel confident that my child will be helped to settle well and make the most of his years at Bushey Meads.*

*Along with the other parents I spoke to, we were all impressed too with the new Assistant Head and the Pastoral Care team. Just thought it was worth writing in to tell the school.*

*Kind regards*

*New Year 7 Parent from September*

*Hello. My son (Sycamore house) is starting at Bushey Meads in September. I just wanted to say thank you so much for making his day so enjoyable yesterday. He was quite nervous about starting secondary school but came out so excited. He really likes his form tutor, made some new friends, loved playing basketball and is now really looking forward to starting in September. It's taken a huge weight off my mind, to see him so happy and positive. I also wanted to say I thought the new to year 7 evening was brilliant and the children who spoke and sang are a real credit to the school. The teachers were very friendly and I am really looking forward to my son starting.*

*Thank you again*

*New Year 7 Parent from September*

**Here is another example related to the recent Iceland Trip.....**

Dear Miss Lee,

We would like to express our thanks to you for leading the Bushey Meads trip to Iceland. Our son had a fantastic time and, although very tired, has spoken with much enthusiasm about the whole experience. It will be a memory that will stay with him for a long time and will no doubt shape his future studies and interests. It was a great idea to set up the Whats App group to update the parents daily and share some pictures. It is these sorts of things that make the teachers at Bushey Meads very special by going the extra mile. Please pass on our thanks to Mr Varsani, Miss Brewer and Afram also. We hope you are not too exhausted now and that you enjoy your summer breaks.

Best Regards

Year 10 Parents

**I would like to thank all the parents and carers for taking the trouble to write in to the school. Your thanks keeps going the extra mile for your students and we do really appreciate your gratitude and support.**

# National Recognition for Outstanding BMS Artists

Mr Turner, Executive Principal

By now you will have all heard that *all five* talented Sixth Form Art students who submitted work into a highly prestigious national competition received recognition of their outstanding achievement.

Year 12 students Maria Calin and Natalya Smart received a Highly Commended recommendation and Kristy Turnley in Year 12 and Tate Scourfield and Georgia Weatherhead in Year 13 had their work selected to be exhibited at the National Students' Exhibition in the highly prestigious Mall Galleries in The Mall, London, SW1.

Not only that but at the private view on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July it was announced that Georgia Weatherhead has been selected for an amazing scholarship opportunity which will entitle her to exhibit her work in world renowned galleries in European cities including London and Rome!



Fish by Tate



Stormy Coast by Kristy



Abby by Georgia



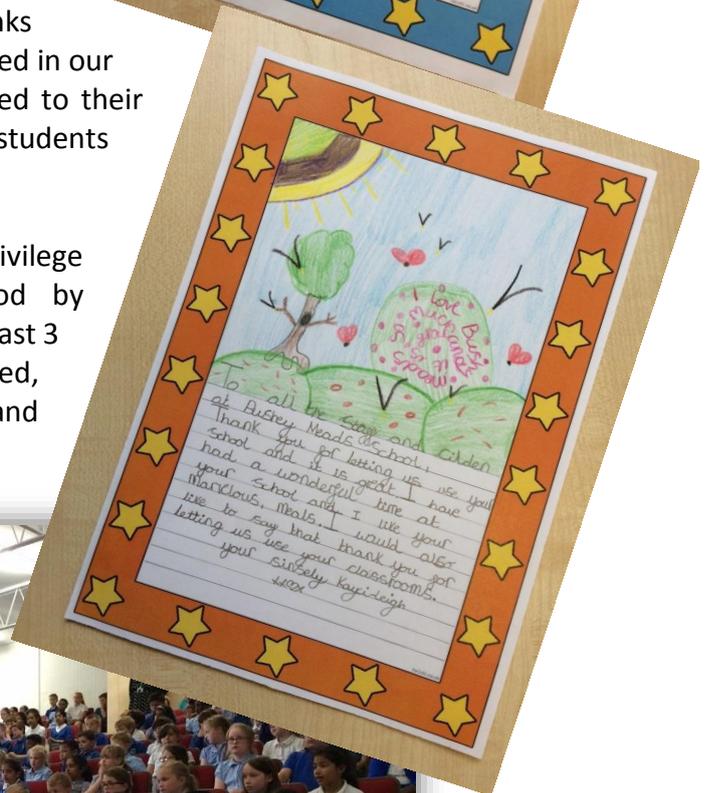
# Lovely Letters of Thanks from Year 2 Highwood Primary School Students

Mr Turner, Executive Principal



It was a real privilege to be invited to Highwood Primary School's End of the Week Assembly on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July which was held in our Main Hall – to see them all seated on our Theatre Raked Seating and be presented with 60 lovely, well written letters of thanks from their Year 2 pupils who had been accommodated in our school for the previous week. (The Year 2s returned to their primary school and swapped places with the Year 6 students for the last two weeks.)

For everyone at Bushey Meads, it has been a real privilege to help Highwood School following their flood by accommodating 240 of their lovely students for the last 3 weeks of term. They have been very well behaved, polite and extremely grateful to all the staff and students here at Bushey Meads.



# So Last Era Trip

Mr Lyley – History teacher



On Friday 8th July, the “So Last Era” group went to the Florence Nightingale museum and the old operating theatre in London, as a result of the GCSE medicine through time course in year 10. The group may have endured London, Euston at rush hour and the occasional broken ticket barrier, but the trip offered an interesting insight into how people in the past approached medicine and the unfortunate patients who were in need of it.

After catching a short glimpse of Big Ben over London’s tooting red double decker’s, we found ourselves in the Florence Nightingale museum. Here we exhibited the early life and career of “The lady of the lamp” as well as the experiences of the Crimean soldiers who were treated by Mary Seacole on the battlefield. The students and I

were incredibly excited to see the very lamp that made Nightingale so famous, the advances she introduced in medicine and her very own medicine chest.

When we finally managed to pry the rest of us from the gift shop we made our way to the old operating theatre after a short break for lunch. Once stepping out of the train station to our surprise we found ourselves looking straight up the shard, nevertheless we found the strength pull our jaws off the ground and carry on down the street to the old operating theatre which is one of the oldest in the world being built in the 1100s. For what seemed like an arduous journey up the stairs was worth it as we were given a demonstration by the staff of the museum of medicine through time including Victorian medicine. With our trusty volunteer Katie, we were given a detailed scenario in which involved the medical procedure taken to treat a broken leg, the outcome was not a sight for the faint hearted!



Regardless, we continued to explore the museum exhibits including actual human specimens which had been collected over time and the gruesome equipment that was used on them. Whilst on our way to the station we made a brief detour and visited Sir Francis Drake’s galleon where we managed to take a picture with most of us realising what was happening.

We enjoyed every minute of the trip, maybe not the Northern Line at 4 o’clock, but the trip was a great way to end one more academic year and it is safe to say that the absence of Mr. Lyley for the years to come will be missed by the So Last Era team and all his students.

## ‘Riddles of the week’ – So Last Era

Email [BMSoLastEra@gmail.com](mailto:BMSoLastEra@gmail.com) for a chance to win.

**The History of Riddles**

**Mild**  
A fire engine travels five miles to a fire at a speed of 50 mph. Its tank hold 500 gallons of water but has been leaking throughout the journey at a rate of 20 gallons per hour. How many gallons of water will the fire engine have available to put out the fire?

**Hot**  
Which letter should replace the question mark?  
FTN, VWA, QVE, KNC, MUH, P?J

**Spicy**  
I’m a rigid surround. Change one letter and I am a fire. Change another letter and I am a tiny particle. Change a further letter and I am a chance occurrence. Change one final letter and I am a musical instrument. What was I and what did I become?

**So Last Era**  
If you missed it when it was current, read it now that it’s History!

# Mullanys bus information

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# Sports Day 2016

Mr Cartledge – Head of PE faculty



Last Tuesday July 12th saw all students in Years 7 -10 compete in the annual School Sports day.

The day was a festival of sport with events in athletics, basketball, handball, softball and rounders. The Year 7 and 8 students competed during periods 1 and 2 with the Year 9 and 10 students following in periods 3 and 4. It was great to see all the students getting into the spirit of House Sports competition and the sea of colours across the school fields was quite a sight.

During the course of the day there were 84 games of rounders, 42 games of basketball, 21 games of handball and 21 games of softball played together with over 100 athletics track and field events. Despite the wet conditions the students showed great commitment and were keenly supported by the staff who cheered on their house teams.



A special thankyou to Mr Patel who inputted the results of all the events throughout the day and the Year 10 Sports Leaders who officiated all the events. The final results saw another win for ASH House who clinched the sports day trophy for the second year in a row and a massive well done to all participating students who made it such a special day.

## Year Group Overall Results

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	OVERALL
1	7Ash - 414	8Oak - 408	9Ash - 490	10Oak - 348	ASH 1533
2	7Maple - 411	8Willow - 400	9Maple - 387	10Elm - 348	OAK 1357
3	7Sycamore - 377	8Ash - 335	9Oak - 358	10Willow - 329	ELM 1293
4	7Beech - 372	8Elm - 333	9Elm - 339	10Beech - 319	SYC 1265
5	7Elm - 273	8Maple - 322	9Sycamore - 316	10Ash - 294	MAPLE 1252
6	7Willow - 260	8Sycamore - 281	9Beech - 270	10Sycamore - 291	WIL 1223
7	7Oak - 243	8Beech - 246	9Willow - 234	10Maple - 132	BEE 1207

## Individual Winners

Year 7 Athletics Events	Boys Winners	Girls Winners
Hurdles	J Sotomey 7SYC	C Jones 7OAK
100m	T Phillips 7SYC	V Fordham 7OAK
200m	T Phillips 7SYC	C Jones 7OAK
800m	C Mannering 7ELM	J Benveniste 7MAP
1500m	C Mannering 7ELM	J Benveniste 7MAP
Relay	7 SYCAMORE	7ASH
Long Jump	T Phillips 7SYC	V Fordham 7OAK
High Jump	T Oyedeji 7ASH	G Zheli 7ASH
Shot	M Masula 7ELM	E Jackson 7MAP
Discus	T Oyedeji 7ASH	E Jackson 7MAP
Javelin	S Pattni 7MAP	S Plummer 7SYC

Year 8 Basketball Winners	Year 8 Rounders Winners
7BEECH	7MAPLE

Year 8 Athletics Events	Boys Winners	Girls Winners
Hurdles	J Jones 8WILLOW	H Maile 8ELM
100m	J Jones 8WILLOW	N Djanmaah 8OAK
200m	P Coaster-Etuk 8SYC	N Djanmaah 8OAK
800m	J Watt 7BEE	A Finley 8ELM
1500m	J Kimber 7OAK	A Taylor-Wells 8OAK
Relay	8 ASH	8 OAK
Long Jump	J Jones 8WILLOW	A Finley 8ELM
High Jump	P Sangasinha 8MAP	L Barchieri 8OAK
Triple Jump	P Sangasinha 8MAP	
Shot	T Clark 8OAK	K Williams 8OAK
Discus	P Coaster-Etuk 8SYC	K Williams 8OAK
Javelin	F Choudhury 8SYC	V Mishra 8ASH

Year 8 Basketball Winners	Year 8 Rounders Winners
8 ASH	8 WILLOW

Year 9 Athletics Events	Boys Winners	Girls Winners
Hurdles	Cancelled	Cancelled
100m	C Cameron 9ASH	A Rashid 9ASH
200m	J Fordham 9ELM	A Rashid 9ASH
300m	A Michaelis 9SYC	
800m	A Michaelis 9SYC	A Barrett 9WIL
1500m	J Manning 9OAK	A Barrett 9WIL
Relay	9ASH	9WIL
Long Jump	A Angold 9OAK	M Sjollega 9MAP
High Jump	J Smith 9MAP	H White 9MAP
Triple Jump	J Fordham 9ELM	M Sjollega 9MAP
Shot	J Fordham 9ELM	T Chauhan 9OAK
Discus	J Fordham 9ELM	J Phillips 9OAK
Javelin	H Stewart 9BEE	A Parker 9BEE

Year 9 Basketball Winners	Year 9 Rounders Winners
9 ASH	9 ASH



Year 10 Athletics Events	Boys Winners	Girls Winners
Hurdles	Cancelled	Cancelled
100m	C Osei 10ELM	R Bharmal 10OAK
200m	C Osei 10ELM	L Campbell 10SYC
300m	C Osei 10ELM	E Ward 10SYC
800m	E Enright 10ASH	V Woolmer 10BEE
1500m	E Enright 10ASH	V Woolmer 10BEE
Relay	10ELM	10OAK
Long Jump	C Osei 10ELM	R Bharmal 10OAK
High Jump	A O'Mahony 10OAK	O McManus 10ASH
Triple Jump	C Bedwell 10ELM	R Bharmal 10OAK
Shot	K Fordham 10SYC	L Campbell 10SYC
Discus	J Leyshon 10ASH	L Campbell 10SYC
Javelin	J Leyshon 10ASH	V Pratt 10OAK

Year 10 Softball Winners	Year 10 Rounders Winners
10 ASH	10 BEE





## Sports Leaders 2015-16

Last week was an extremely busy week for the Year 10 Sports Leaders as they go through the final certification for the Level 1 Award. On Monday the group led students from Year 7 and 8 in striking/fielding activities including cricket and rounders based sessions. The leaders showed organisational and communication strengths and the sessions were much enjoyed by the younger students. On Tuesday the Leaders played a very active role in officiating the various activities in the School Sports Day and played a big part in making the day such a success including officiating basketball, rounders and handball matches, timekeeping, track judging and measuring field events. Finally on Thursday they led the Year 6 students in some sports activities as part of the school Induction day. The group have been an excellent set of leaders and we look forward to them supporting our sports teams next year. Well done all!



Full list of Year 10 Sports Leaders :

Sam Basnett, Calum Bedwell, Joe Blagden, Luca Castello, Euan Enright, Kyran Feasey, Chris King, Michael Lawman, Jack Leyshon, Adam Marks, Chris Osei, Sahil Sindhi, George Whitman, Sam Wright, Jake Zimmatore, Rezwana Bharmal, Olivia Mcmanus, Lauren Parr, Vicky Pratt, Nicole Rose, Tanya Vardin, Vicky Woolmer, Mica Mayo, Layla Campbell

# SEN Sports Day 2016

Jayne Maloney - Lead TAPI

SEN sports day got off to a flying start with years 9 and 10 competing in the throwing events. A circuit of events including the Boccia throw, foam javelin and Discus as well as Polybat and a wheelchair slalom were set up for the students to compete in. Their aim was to score as many house points as possible. Grace Bonner from 11 Sycamore showed that her throws are more precise than ever with some winning shots!

Elm and Sycamore gained the most points in all the morning events. Well done to all of the SEN students in years 9 and 10 who participated with enough energy to go on and complete the 50m sprint. Well done to Hannah Spriggs of 10 Sycamore for her first class effort!

Period 3 saw the start of years 7 and 8 throwing events and polybat with Oak and Maple taking the lead in the Polybat and a great start for some players in Willow and Beech in the Boccia throw. But it was Kai Shah 8 Maple that put his Boccia skills into action and gained the most points for his house. Some outstanding throws in the foam Javelin from Asher Reuben 8 Willow and Joe Heels 8 Sycamore.

Abderrahim Taghrest from 7Oak showed great skill and speed in the wheelchair slalom, with Francesca Martin 7 Maple and Daniel Adebajo 7 maple showing just how skillful they can be during the event.

Period 4 was the interhouse Zone Hockey tournament where all the SEN students played exciting rounds of 4 ten minute games. All students got a hit of the ball and our wheelchair users showed great power and strength in the centre of the hockey pitch. Brian Hope of Oak house scored a whopping 7 goals!

At the end of the day it was close but it was Sycamore House that gained the most points, closely followed by Oak in 2nd and Willow in 3rd. Well done to all !

Many thanks to all the staff from Base who came along to help and cheer on our lovely students.

Well done to all our students for their great effort and achievements on the day. They were ALL amazing!

Francesca Martin  
Abderrahim Taghrest  
Daniel Adebajo  
Nathan Witthuhn  
Parag Sangani  
Matthew Archer  
Kai Shah  
Asher Reuben  
Brian Hope  
Sarathak Kanel  
Ross Machen  
Hannah Spriggs  
Lee Keogh  
Megan Hughes  
Grace Bonner



Ms P. Gregory - Computing Faculty



This is a worldwide app that is very popular among both children and adults. It is so popular that you cannot walk through a park or visit Tesco without spotting people catching Pokemon. Young people are offering to take dogs for walks instead of having to be nagged into it, as well as offering to “go to the shops”.

While I love the idea of utilising augmented reality and encouraging people to get some exercise walking about collecting Pokemon and hatching eggs. There are some factors to be careful of.

There are stories of unpleasant people lying in wait to steal your phone or of

moped riders taking advantage of people having their phone on view to target them for theft.

There have also been reports of young people trespassing onto private property, which are sometimes potentially dangerous locations, just to catch Pokemon.

The game does have a warning on the loading screen reminding us to be aware of our surroundings. I have however seen several people walking into street furniture or other people since they were too busy in the virtual world to realise what was happening in the actual world.



With school holidays fast approaching, there will be more young people on the streets, is it just a matter of time before someone walks out in front of a car because they are too preoccupied? Don't let that person be you!



Be aware that you need an internet connection to play and if you go over your data allowance there will be costs involved, as well as having to charge your phone's battery more often.



In summary, have fun this summer playing Pokemon Go, this is a great game, that encourages cooperation, participation and healthy exercise. However, caution must be employed. There is no need to go onto private property to collect Pokemon and it is safest, and more sociable, to go about in groups rather than on your own. Above all stay aware of your surroundings.

# Studio Lighting Workshop

Mr Heywood – Head of Art faculty



On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July our AS Photography students took part in an exciting workshop on studio lighting in the Art department. The one course was run by professional photographer Mark Newton.

Students learnt how to use light in a more controlled way to get precise results. They also learnt about how different lighting equipment can create different moods in portraiture. They then used this knowledge to create their own portraiture to be added into their own portfolios.



After the course Mark emailed to say "Thanks for a lovely day, it was great teaching your students, hope they got a lot out of it." They certainly did.



## BBQ and Family Fun Day

(transition event for new students starting in September)

Mr Fisher – Assistant Headteacher KS3

On Saturday 16th July 220 family members and our new students came along to enjoy a tasty BBQ and all the fun activities which preceded it. Families got together engaging in a selection of great activities from rounders, tennis, drama, multi-sports, indoor games, mask making, human bingo, and a treasure hunt. Being a hot day and an active day, a range drinks were readily available and enthusiastically drunk. Of course, the day was topped off with a BBQ, with many families staying on to continue chatting and eating.

Many thanks to all the staff who came along, organised activities and made the whole event possible.



# The last fixture of the academic year....

Mrs Cooper – PE teacher

Wednesday lunchtime saw the last competitive fixture of the season for Bushey Meads. The year 9 rounders team faced the very 'experienced' female staff team.



The students prepare

The temperature on the field matched that of the weather and play began....

With female staff from across the school donning their trainers to pit their skills against the year 9 squad it was competition at its fiercest.

In a close fought game the score was tight throughout with both teams equally matched.

It was nail biting stuff for the array of staff supporters with the staff team secured a massive victory with a 7.5 - 7 scoreline (there might be some thoughts on the scoreline from the year 9's particularly on that wide ball?!)

Many thanks to all staff who came out and played and supported and to Mr.O'Kelly very his very 'fair' umpiring and big congratulations to the students on another successful year of rounders.

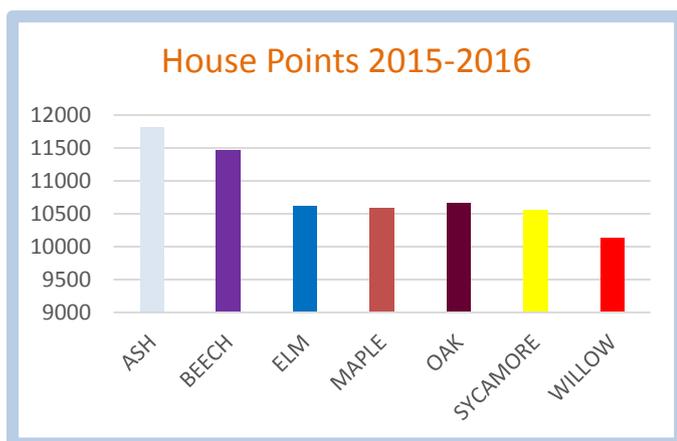


The staff psyche themselves up

## HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

Mrs Ash – Assistant Headteacher

Congratulations to ASH House who have won the House Cup this year for achieving the most House Points this year. Winning sports day and the cross country gave ASH House the edge.



ASH	11807
BEECH	11471
MAPLE	10656
ELM	10617
OAK	10577
SYCAMORE	10552
WILLOW	10134

# Induction day for our new September intake

Mr Fisher – Assistant Headteacher KS3

An excited group of 200 year 6 students arrived through our gates on Thursday 14th July for our Induction Day. These were the smart students who will be starting their secondary school journey with us in September. Their day comprised a morning assembly, sharing our aspirational values, and then a series of taster lessons, including some sports, and an informative tour of the school.



With the fantastic weather we enjoyed on that day, lunchtime was an opportunity play outside and to meet and make new friends, perhaps new lifelong friends.



The evening was focused more towards parents, who came along to hear more about the school, and its values and practices. The uniform was on display, and modelled by some of our year 7 students, with Crystal giving a confident talk about our school motto and 'growth mindset' philosophy. Bethany, another of our year 7 students, entertained the audience with a beautiful performance of Will Smith's 'writing's on the wall'.



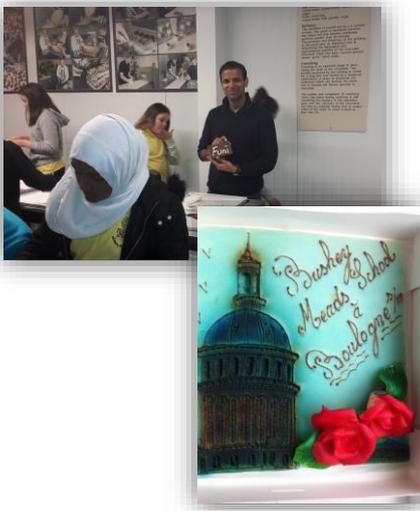
We were so impressed with the positive, keen attitude and exemplary behaviour of our new students. The sky is the limit to what they will achieve with us.



## Enrichment Day - Wednesday 13th July

Mr Fisher – Assistant Headteacher KS3

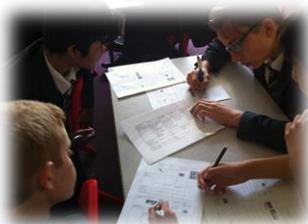
Wednesday saw the last of our enrichment days for this academic year. They have all gone so well that next year we are expanding this initiative to five days, spread strategically across the year.



Most of our Year 7 cohort went to France for the day, visiting a chocolate factory, biscuit factory and other interesting places. They had the opportunity to sample the language as well as to enjoy a great day out. Due to a motorway traffic jam, one coach missed its shuttle slot, but those students were still able to enjoy a visit to Dover Castle on that day and then go to France the next week as well. The students who did not go on the trip benefited from a well-planned day of Spanish activities in school.



Year 8 students spent the day at Whipsnade, for which the weather held up, ensuring another great day.



Year 9 stayed in school on this occasion, where the focus was on sexual health and well-being, which we are required to deliver. The activities were very informative, and the messages were clear.



Year 10 were also in school, exploring the serious issues of human rights, particularly the terrible but ongoing tragedy of genocide.

Our Year 11 students came back to us for a day of team building, led by the sixth form staff. As always, the day was a really useful start to preparing for sixth form.

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