

## Enrichment Day



Last Friday, 22 of our Year 10 GCSE PE / Sports Studies students had a day to remember at the Rickmansworth Aquadrome, as part of the school's Enrichment Day programme. The morning began with a two-hour sailing experience with the students learning the basics of sailing a laser boat. The group were soon out on the lake and using the breeze to steer their

boats around the circuit. The sun shone and the students made great progress in a short space of time, completing a number of fun tasks along the way.



After lunch the wetsuits were put on and the group embarked on a raft building challenge with three groups designing, building and sailing their rafts with mixed success.

Special mention must go to the girls' team who built a raft that not only stayed together but they successfully rowed around the lake's course and back.



It was a fantastic day and it was great to see the students engaging in outdoor education tasks with such enthusiasm. We now look forward to next summer's Cornwall trip.

## Dates for the Diary

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> October**  
Student group photo day

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> October**  
Year 11 Revision Techniques evening  
6.30pm in the Hall

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
Transition Curriculum Show  
3 - 5pm

Year 7 Arts Extravaganza: 7 – 9pm

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> October**  
**HALF TERM**

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup> October**  
**INSET DAY – no students**

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

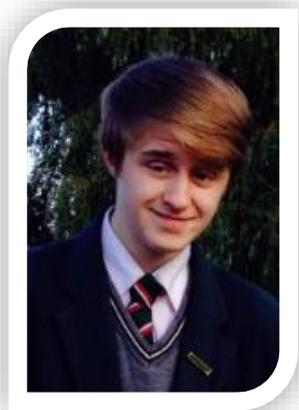
## KEY STAGE 3



### **TEGAN – 09WILLOW**

This week's student of the week is Tegan in Year 9, for her exemplary start to the new academic year. Tegan is a conscientious, hardworking and helpful member of the school. She has one of the highest number of achievement points in her year and has produced some excellent class work and home learning. Tegan gives her best in all her lessons and is an example to all students at BMS. We are very proud of you - keep up the great work Tegan!

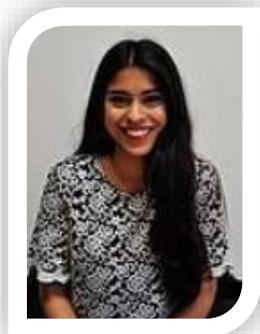
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### **MAX – 11WILLOW**

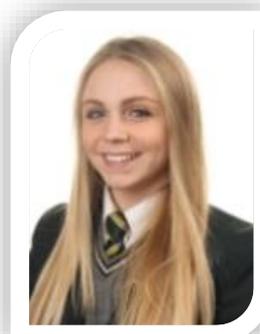
This week's student of the week has been given to Max Sheehan in recognition of his excellent work in the catering suite on Open Evening. Max worked with sheer enthusiasm, cooking and cleaning for the entire evening. He was proactive and contributed significantly to the success of the evening. Each year our Open Evenings provide a valuable opportunity to showcase the school to prospective students and parents/carers. It is an evening that we are immensely proud of as a school community and Max's efforts were outstanding. Max, you're a real asset to the school. Thank you!

## KEY STAGE 5



### **MYAH – 12MAPLE**

Myah has made a great start to her studies at Year 12 and has risen to the challenge of studying Mathematics at 'A' level. She regularly attends the Maths Masterclass provided by the Maths Faculty and the hard work is paying off. Myah knows there is hard work to come but she is confident of success.



### **EMILY – 13SYCAMORE**

Emily has found a happy balance between her school work and her employment. Emily has been working as a sales assistant but has managed to remain focused on her studies and can be very proud of her start to year 13. Emily is certainly an example to follow in planning and time management.

# Word of the Week (WOW)

Mrs Bowe - Lead Practitioner for English and Whole School Literacy

*Language is empowering*

This week at Bushey Meads we have been discussing the word **deluge** and how it can be used to express both negative and positive experiences. For example, although we don't often enjoy an overwhelming work deluge, we like to be deluged with praise!



## Word of the Week

3.10.16

Pronounce it: *Del-u-ge*

Noun

late 14c., from Old French *deluge* (12c.), earlier *deluve*, from Latin *diluvium* "flood, inundation," from *diluvare* "wash away," from *dis-* "away" + *-luere*, form of *lavare* "to wash"



# Deluge

### Definition

- a heavy rain;
- the rising of a body of water and its overflowing onto normally dry land;
- an overwhelming number or amount.

The noun *deluge* is an overwhelming amount of something in general, such as work, people, or questions. Because of its Latin roots, however, it means in particular an overwhelming amount of water. It comes from *diluvian*, which means flood. Ever been so overwhelmed it almost feels like you're underwater? You might be experiencing a *deluge* — like when you've been given a *deluge* of holiday homework: lots of maths problems to solve and loads of house-hold jobs to do. The word *deluge* here has become a metaphor for you feeling like you might sink under all the work. The verb *deluge* similarly means to overwhelm or inundate with something, particularly water.

### Sentence example:

- *The storm suddenly deluged the high street with a rain-water flood.*
- *She felt deluged by all the last-minute work requests she had to complete by Friday.*

### Use it instead of:

Downpour, flood, torrent, overwhelmed, inundation.

*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:

HR Manager  
Teaching Assistants  
Senior IT Technician  
IT Audio Visual Technician  
Science Technician  
RS / Humanities Teacher  
English Teacher

Further information about the posts can be found on the school website under 'Vacancies'. Alternatively, please contact the HR Office on 020 8955 8833 or [vacancies@busheymeads.org.uk](mailto:vacancies@busheymeads.org.uk)



# House Poetry Competition

Mr Spary, Assistant Headteacher



'National Poetry Day' is being held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October this year. We are linking our House Poetry Competition to this day and launching our third House Poetry competition. All entries will receive reward points that will also contribute to the House point totals. There will also be winners in the following categories:

- Overall Winner
- Junior Category Winners (7,8 & 9)
- Senior Category Winners (KS4 & KS5)
- Highly commended

The theme of National Poetry Day this year is "Messages" so all poems need to be linked in some way to this theme. All students wishing to enter the competition must ensure they hand a paper copy of the poem with their NAME and FORM clearly written on it to their Form Tutor. Deadline for entries is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

## Maths Challenge of the Week

Mr Akram - Lead Practitioner for Mathematics

### Answers to Last week's Challenges:

Level 1: 7

Level 2: £350.39 or \$503.74

### MATHS CHALLENGE IV

Level 3: £90,000

#### Maths Challenge Level 1

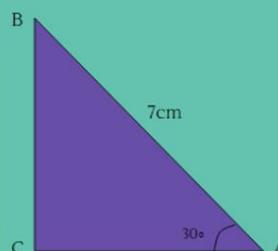


Find X and Y.



12kanesamoorthys@bushey.meads.org.uk  
12lawmanm@bushey.meads.org.uk

#### Maths Challenge Level 2

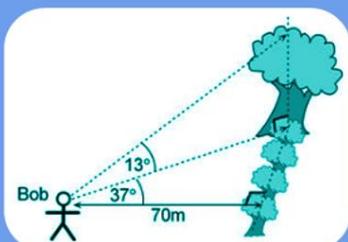


Find the perimeter of the triangle. Give your final answer to 1dp.

12thirucumarav@bushey.meads.org.uk  
12mavjik@bushey.meads.org.uk

#### Maths Challenge Level 3

Find the height of the large tree. Bob knows that the angle between the closest point to him in a row of trees and the large tree is 37 degrees. He also knows that the angle of elevation from the ground to the top of the tall tree is 13 degrees.



12woolmerv@bushey.meads.org.uk  
12baldryc@bushey.meads.org.uk  
12patelr@bushey.meads.org.uk

When you have completed any of the challenges, email the addresses below or to Mr Akram (akrama@bushey.meads.org.uk) with your answers, First correct answer wins a PRIZE. Thank you and good luck.

# 'Enrichment days provide a varied learning delivery style'

Mr Fisher – Senior Assistant Headteacher

- And last Friday, 30 September, this concept was really embraced by Year 10 teachers who were able to design a whole day of learning around their subject areas.



Our GCSE dance students spent a high-energy day participating in a contemporary and hip hop workshop at Creative Box London. The workshop was run by Artistic Director, Rachel Kay, and really pushed the students dance skills to the limit. Students studying GCSE PE were away at Rickmansworth Aquadrome building and sailing (and sinking, in the case of the boys' team) rafts

and then learning the basics of sailing a yacht (see front page article).



Those studying GCSE art gained inspiration from their visit to

Tate Britain. At school, Year 10 drama students focused their day on creating a new dramatic performance while their music student

friends learned a new piece. Our GCSE linguists started the day with traditional Spanish and French fayre and the immersed themselves in their target language for a range of activities, while technology students created a whole production line to create a new back-lit faculty sign. Over in Food, students cooked their own nutritional lunch.



And that was just Year 10!

Year 7 experienced a range of Social Sciences, from

Psychology, Law, Sociology, Child Care and Business

Studies normally reserved for the senior end of the school. Year 8 worked through a tricky design challenge in Science and worked out the mathematics behind some magical tricks. Year 9 travelled down to Brighton for a data-collecting field trip. Year 11 fine-tuned their CVs and personal statements, and one group took time out to secure A and A\* grades for their GCSE level ECDL (computing) exams. Finally, the whole of the sixth form met at Stanmore station before moving off to a range of cultural and enjoyable destinations in the capital.



**Our next enrichment day is scheduled for Thursday 10 November.**

# The Magnificent More Able

Mr Malik, Assistant Pastoral Manager –Years 9 and 10

This week saw the launch of an exciting new initiative called the More Able Passport. As part of our focus on ensuring our students achieve their full potential, we are launching an initiative that allows our More Able students to challenge themselves.

The initiative involves selected more able students being issued with a More Able passport. The passport gives the students the opportunity to aim for the highest ATL scores possible in each lesson for a duration of six weeks. The passport also highlights the students to their teachers, to ensure that they are supporting

them on their journey of reaching their full potential.



The students will set themselves targets that they would like to focus on for the duration of the initiative. These can be subject specific, general to their learning experience or related to a super-curricular interest.

The students will also be encouraged to engage in as many super-curricular activities as possible. This may include attending the super-curricular club run by Miss Booth after school on Thursdays until 4:15pm. Miss Booth also runs a lunchtime club on Thursdays, where students can bring their lunch with them. They may also want to attend other lunch time or after school clubs. Another activity I will be encouraging them to take part in is a MOOC – this is a suite of online courses offered by universities. MOOCs can be completed by the students in their own time, and there is a variety of topics to choose from.

The students will have weekly meetings with Mr Malik, to monitor progress and provide support. Once they complete their passports, students will evaluate their progress and also give feedback to improve the initiative. This is an exciting initiative that will have a positive impact on the learning and general school experience of these students.



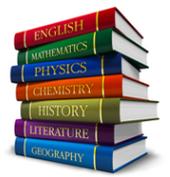
Mr Malik launching the More Able Passport with a group of Year 9 students

# .....and an update from Miss Booth

## More able at BMS



Last week I wrote about super-curricular club restarting. We had a successful session last week – I myself learnt a lot about electronics from a student!



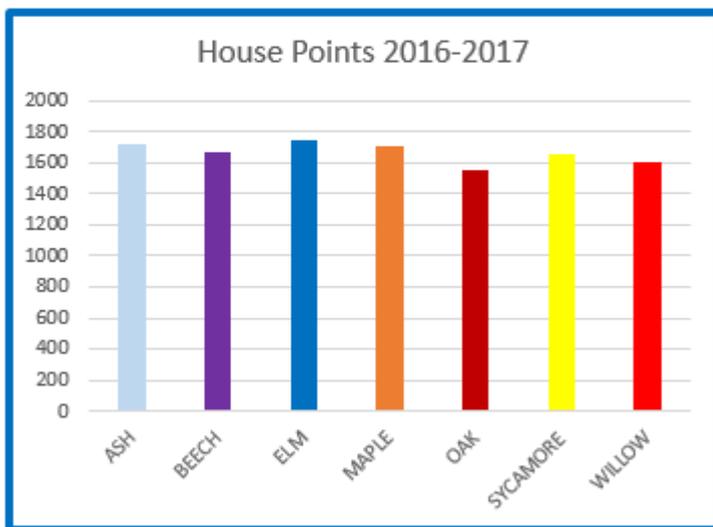
This week I have been speaking to year 7 about the club in their assembly. The year 7s were given a short introduction to the aims of the club and the type of projects that they could complete as part of the club. As promised, I will be giving more information to year 7 tutors to share with their tutor groups early next week.



So year 7 would you like to take up the challenge of super-curricular club? If you come along you will have a dedicated time and space to work on a project related to your interests: maybe you would like to study something completely new! It is also a great place to develop new skills and make new friends.

We meet **every Thursday in F6 from 3:05 – 4:15pm**. I hope to see you there.

## House Points Update



ELM	1749
ASH	1720
MAPLE	1704
BEECH	1674
SYCAMORE	1661
WILLOW	1599
OAK	1549



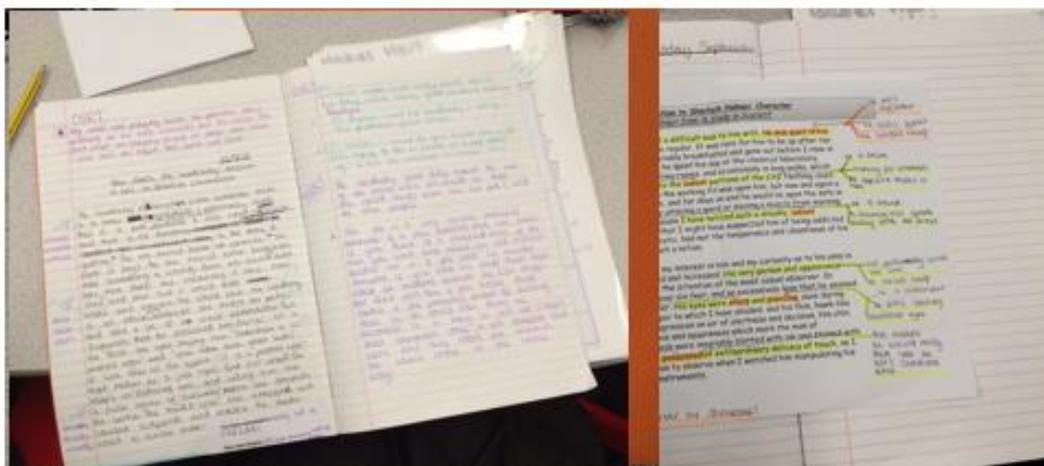
# Year 12 English Literature A Level Lessons

Mr Turner, Executive Principal



It was great to see such a high level of engagement in Ms Court's English Literature A Level lesson this week - focused on comparing the content and meaning of two Victorian poems. A level English students are expected to read widely, so that they understand the context of texts studied and how meaning can change over time.

Students were working and discussing in groups, annotating their ideas and then sharing them in class to tease out greater understanding. The level of challenge was impressive.



# MAPLE HOUSE

Mr Cox – Head of Maple House

## HOUSE COUNCIL

Meet our house council. Their role is to each act as the spokesperson for their year group within the house.

Throughout the year they will be attending meetings where they can raise concerns or put forward ideas regarding the school from the perspective of the student body. Our house representative for year 7 is Ella Cannon.



**HOUSE CAPTAIN**  
*Max*



**YEAR 13 HOUSE REPS**  
*Hassan & Deanne*



**YEAR 11 HOUSE REP**  
*Fatima*



**YEAR 10 HOUSE REP**  
*Jack*



**YEAR 8 HOUSE REP**  
*Jake*

## HIGH ACHIEVERS

Every student here at Bushey Meads School has the opportunity to be recognised for their hard work and dedication.

These students are currently setting the standard for Maple House within their year groups.

Congratulations to them all, keep up the good work!

Year 7 – Andrea Tamang

Year 8 – Isabel Hart

Year 9 – Ellie Curnow

Year 10 – Ellis Brown

Year 11 – Kristian Dimitrov

Year 12 – Johnrene Santos

Year 13 – Kwabena Kutten

There is a rewards trip at the end of the year for the top performers in each year group so it's all to play for, starting now!

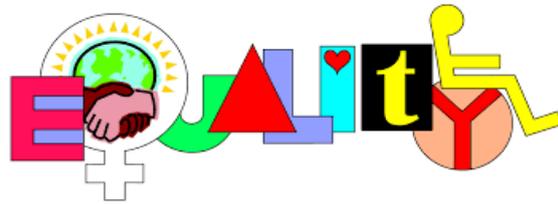
## KAI

Our very own sporting superstar Kai (8 Maple) finally reached his target and has now ordered his new wheel chair.

The combined effort of the students and staff here at Bushey Meads means that Kai is now ever closer to achieving his dream of playing wheelchair football for the England national team. We are very proud to have you in Maple Kai and we wish you all the best.



# Theme of the Week:



Ms Ash, Assistant Headteacher

The theme of the week this week was Equality which coincides with Black History Month. The assembly looked at some inspirational figures in history that fought for equality and the lessons that have been learnt over time. We also looked at the idea of diversity and how we can celebrate the diverse community that we live in.

## World with diversity



At the end of the assembly students left with the following message:

- It is important to remember we are **ALL different** and it is our differences that make us **unique** and **special**, and that makes our **country interesting**
- Be **proud** and **confident** in your differences
- **Respect** and **celebrate** difference in others

During form time in the week students were then asked to create a poem or statement sharing their thoughts on Equality. Here are some of the best ones:

### Equal at the light!

You close your eyes,  
You remember when you were twenty years old,  
Walking towards the Edmund Pettus bridge,  
Behind the dozens of policemen with tear gas,  
You see a light,  
You must get towards the light,  
You try to walk,  
But police running towards you from front and sides,  
With tear gas and batons,  
You run to safety and you make it,  
You remember you got a leader to get you closer to the light,  
His name, Martin Luther King Jr,  
With his help you get to the light,  
With your help and the great man Martin Luther King Jr,  
You have succeeded,  
Black and white segregation is over,  
You open your eyes and remember you are free,  
You are now seventy and remember you got to the light with help,  
As a result segregation is now over,  
We are all now equal.

*By Ellis Brown, 10Maple*

Everyone is the same

Quit the arguing, everyone be happy

Unite together as one

Always believe in yourself

Love one another as they would love you

If you give up you will never succeed

Together for ever

You keep trying and you will succeed

*By Emer Walsh, 7Elm*

equality

for all

Everyone should have a bed,  
Everyone should have a roof above their head.  
Everyone needs attention,  
These protests need prevention.

We all have the right to a safe environment,  
No one needs to be silent.  
Education is the key to succeed,  
A friend in need is a friend indeed.

We are all equal,  
No matter the race no matter the sequel.  
Every person is a human being,  
Everyone should be agreeing.

*By David Brown, 8Maple*

Each and everyone of you are the same  
Quality doesn't change you  
Unnecessary comments being used  
Anyone can have their own religion and beliefs  
Love everyone even if they are a different race  
Involve every single person around you  
Together no matter the gender  
You may look different, but in the mind and heart  
you're actually equal.

*By Zoe Picksley, 8Willow*

# PE and Health Faculty News

Mr Cartledge, Head of Faculty of PE & Health

## Football news

### Year 10 Boys Football v St Joan of Arc (District League)

**Date :** Tues 27th September

**Result :** Lost 3-0

**Scorers :**

**Squad :** James Dodwell, Josh Williams, Ben Faulkner, Aidan Angold, Anas Djanit, Conner Atkinson, Ethan Fiordelisi, Conner Cameron, Joe Manning, Jack Leech, Thanujan Tharmalasingham, Fin Horastead, Joel Smith

**Commended performances :** Ben Faulkner, Anas Djanit

**Comment :** The boys started their Premier League campaign against last year's League and Cup Winners St Joan of Arc. They put in a very spirited performance with lots of positive work in attack and defence against a very strong side. Despite losing 3-0 the second half performance in particular was really pleasing.

### Year 9 Boys Football v St Joan of Arc (District League)

**Date :** Wed 28th September

**Result :** Lost 5-0

**Scorers :**

**Squad :** Zachary Faulkner, Luke Fletcher-Gray, James Kimber, Ross Marsh, Levi Haughton, Nathan Angold, Mohamed Djahnit, Owen O'Mahony, Kieran Barnard-White, Jake Watt, Billy Garvey, Pavit Sangishna, Archie Hayes, Avon Shrestha

**Commended performances :** Mohamed Djahnit

**Comment:** The top league was always going to be tough and this result proved it. The boys worked hard throughout the game but could not finish their chances to keep the game closer than it was.

### Year 9 Boys Football v Queens (District League)

**Date :** Sat 1st October

**Result :** Lost 3-0

**Scorers :**

**Squad :** Zachary Faulkner, Luke Fletcher-Gray, James Kimber, Ross Marsh, Levi Haughton, Nathan Angold, Mohamed Djahnit, Owen O'Mahony, Kieran Barnard-White, Jake Watt, Billy Garvey, Pavit Sangishna, Archie Hayes, Avon Shrestha

**Commended performances :** Billy Garvey, James Kimber

**Comment:** An excellent performance but unfortunately Queens put away their chances. The team is creating a number of chances and must look to put them away to ensure they stay in games and not let them get away.

### Year 8 Boys Football v Francis Combe Academy (District League)

**Date :** Weds 28th September

**Result :** Lost 8 - 0

**Squad :** Shayam Pattni, Jake Norris, Harris Plant, Taylor Bees, Leo Enright, Alfie Sullivan, Luke Andrews, George Rowe, Jaylen Sotomy, Reed Sims, Irvine Tannor, Zach Kahn

**Commended performances :** Reed Sims, Leo Enright

**Comment :** A terribly disappointing result. FC Academy took an early lead in the game which was quickly stretched to 2-0. With few attacking chances in the first half, it did improve in the 2nd, but it was too little too late. The squad are determined not to suffer such a disappointing result again this season.

### Year 8 Boys Football v Queens (District League)

**Date :** Sat 1st October

**Result :** Won 3 - 0

**Scorers :** George Rowe, Jaylen Sotomy, Zak Khan

**Squad :** Shayam Pattni, Taylor Bees, Leo Enright, Luke Andrews, George Rowe, Jaylen Sotomy, Reed Sims, Irvine Tannor, Zach Khan

**Commended performances :** The whole team

**Comment :** With only 9 players present the team pulled off one of the surprise results of the season. A solid defensive display with incredible workrate shown by the team and backed up by an impressive display from Shyam in goal. The whole team should be immensely proud of their achievement.

### Year 7A Boys Football v Queens (District League)

**Date :** Sat 1st October

**Result :** Lost 4-3

**Scorers :** Max Machen, Ellis Anthony, Tyler Pearce

**Squad :** Max Machen, Taylor Bates, Ellis Anthony, Tyler Pearce, Alfie Hiron, Stanley Booth, Cian Lynch, Lewis Lacey, Leo Feeley, Bo Kabucho, Calum O'Shea, Leo Feeley

**Commended performances :** Cian Lynch, Tyler Pearce

**Comment** : A narrow defeat for the A team in a very entertaining fixture. The boys created lots of chances throughout the game but some excellent goalkeeping from Queens meant a first defeat of the season. It is really pleasing to see how the boys are developing as a team and we look forward to the next few weeks' fixtures with confidence.

### **Year 7A Boys Football v FC Academy (District League)**

**Date** : Thurs 29th September

**Result** : Won 9-0

**Scorers** : Max Machen 3, Taylor Bates 2, Tyler Pearce 2, Frankie Pierson, og

**Squad** : Frankie Pierson, Max Machen, Taylor Bates, Ellis Anthony, Tyler Pearce, Alfie Hiron, Stanley Booth, Cian Lynch, Lewis Lacey, Leo Feeley, Bo Kabucho, Calum O'Shea

**Commended performances** : Whole team

**Comment** : Another excellent performance by the team making it 2 league wins out of 2. The team passed the ball well and created numerous chances throughout with some free flowing attacking.

### **Year 7B Boys Football v Queens (District League)**

**Date** : Sat 1st October

**Result** : Lost 4-1

**Scorers** : Edward Boother-Domingues

**Squad** : Lewis Lacey, Edward Boother-Domingues, Mashur Chowdhury, Matthew Keough, Orhan Bayraktutan, Tom Barnes, Hamza Said Dawood, Rayan Mohamud, Taylor Dowden, Hammad Khan, Harry Sordillo, Matthew Willett, Cameron Beckford, Sean Sabapathy

**Commended performances** : Lewis Lacey, Tom Barnes

**Comment** : A spirited effort by the Year 7B team in their first fixture of the season. The boys played some good football and only some late Queens goals saw the team defeated.

## **Girls Football**

### Year 7/8 - SJC

**Date**: 28/9/16

**Opposition**: Onslow St. Audrey (County Cup)

**Result**: Lost 0-3 on penalties (0-0 after Extra time)

**Team**: A. Elman, V. Fordham, B. Brindley, S. Plummer, F. Boselli, B. Coste, Z. Rathod, E. Cannon, K. Branigan, S. Parkhouse

**Comment**: A disappointing result in a game that BMS dominated but that was eventually decided by the lottery of penalties. The girls played really well and were unlucky not to secure victory in regular play. Such a positive performance deserved more, focus will now be on winning the remaining league games.

**Player of the Match** : Vicky Fordham

**Congratulations to Jasmine Phillips (yr 10) in making the U16 girls County football squad.**

## **Girls Netball**

### Year 7- DMC

**Date**: 28/9/16      **Opposition**: Belmont      **Result**: Won 6-5

**Team**: CJ Lea, Emer Walsh, Elly Andrews, Rhianna Hall, Georgia De-Venning, Eloise Homes, Erin Cozens, Sophie Zambarloukos, Ife Henry

**Comment**: This was a great start to the season with all players passing and moving well on court. The girls showed great determination particularly in the last quarter. Well done a promising start.

**Player of the Match** : Ife Henry for making some fantastic interceptions in the circle.

### Year 8- DMC

**Date**: 28/9/16      **Opposition**: Belmont      **Result**: Won 24-3

**Team**: Bhavya Patel, Jessica Benveniste, Gabriella Zhelyazkova, Andrea Hutchinson, Skye Narroway, Georgia Brass, Ellie Rowe, Hannah Barry.

**Comment**: This was a fantastic start to the season with the girls dominating the play. They demonstrated great passing and interceptions throughout the game

**Player of the Match** : Skye Narroway for great shooting.

# Sports Clubs provided by external coaches

## **Athletics coaching - Running club**

Every Tuesday with Watford Harriers in the gym. ALL Welcome

**Arsenal Ladies** - continue their coaching with Bushey Meads students every Wednesday from 3.15 - 4.15 on the astro. ALL Welcome.

**Girls/Ladies Yoga** - Thursday's after P5. ALL welcome.

Meet in the school hall suitably attired. Finish 4.15



**Netball Club**  
**Autumn Term**

**BUSHEY MEADS SCHOOL**  
Coldharbour Lane Bushey  
WD23 4PA  
7-8pm Wednesdays

**AUTUMN TERM**  
September 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>  
October 5<sup>th</sup>  
November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>  
December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>

**Register NOW**

  
**netball**

The full fee is: £77 for the course. Contact: [netballclub@outlook.com](mailto:netballclub@outlook.com)

The poster features a central image of two hands holding a netball against a blue sky background. The text is arranged in a clean, professional layout with a color scheme of maroon, blue, and white.

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF THIS TERM...

By Mrs Armitage

This is the last article of introduction to our new teaching staff who have joined us this academic year – these final four teaching staff span across several faculties as you will discover – please read on:

## HANNAH BUDD – Teacher of Art and Technology



Miss Budd holds a degree in Theatre Design and worked as a designer for theatre and film for two years in the Midlands before returning to Hertfordshire and taking up teaching as a profession. She joins us from Chalk Hills Academy in Luton and was tempted here by the friendly atmosphere and excellent work ethic displayed by the students at her interview.

In her spare time Miss Budd loves to travel and mentioned destinations such as Mexico and Peru which all sounds very exciting. She also enjoys making things and is always looking at Pinterest to get ideas for new craft projects.

## KRISTINA CRAVEN – Teacher of Music

Miss Craven studied Music at York University, having attended the Purcell School here in Bushey as a boarding student, as her home is on the Isle of Wight. She then trained to be a music teacher at Cambridge University and joins us from Soham College. Her main instruments are the piano and cello and she also enjoys playing the guitar. Needless to say, Miss Craven is used to performing in concerts to large audiences and mentioned that during her time at the Purcell School she performed a cello solo at Watford Colosseum. I believe we will also have the pleasure of seeing her perform on the piano at the school production this year (have you read the article on Buggy Malone yet in this edition!).



As you would expect, in her spare time Miss Craven's hobbies and interests are largely linked with the world of music and she will be joining the Watford Symphony Orchestra after half term. She mentioned that whilst she was at uni she was in a string quartet. However, she was given a sewing machine for her birthday and has already managed to produce two cushions so has found a new hobby! I am sure we will all be seeing Miss Craven at the various school musical events which take place through the year.

## MARION LEWIS – Teacher of Business Studies and Economics



Ms Lewis has 15 years' experience in education and training, having also worked in industry for many years. She has joined our Business and Economics Department as she could see how successful it was at her interview and knew of the school's reputation for inclusivity. She is already enjoying supporting her GCSE and A-level students, whilst developing their creativity and enterprise skills.

One of Ms Lewis's first projects is to lead on a Year 10 enterprise project which she is really looking forward to. In her spare time Mr Lewis enjoys all kinds of music, particularly jazz and soul. She also mentioned that she worked in television for many years and was one of the first employees at Channel 4 in the 1980s!

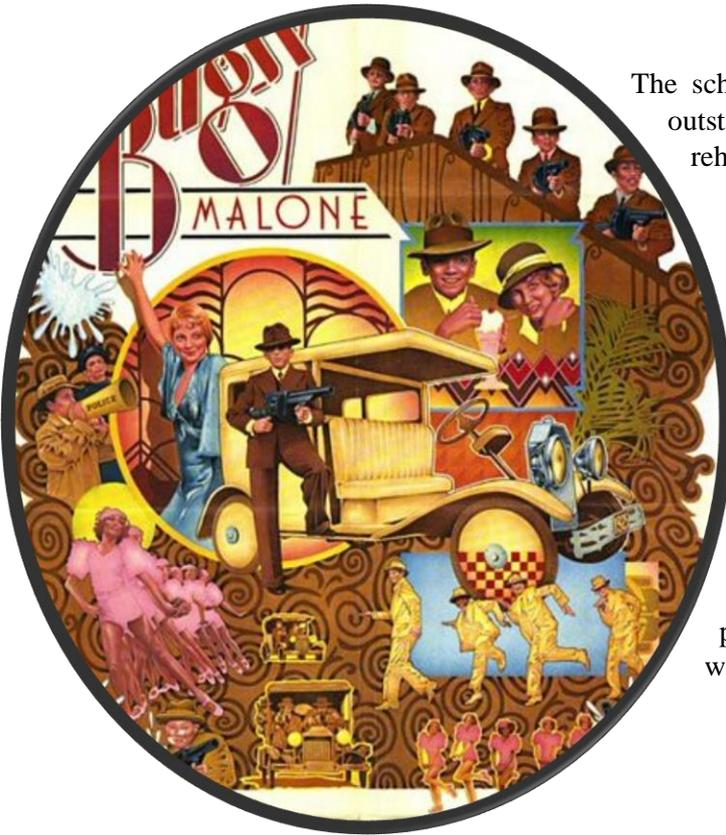
## NATALIE LINDAU – Teacher of Psychology

This is Miss Lindau's second teaching post, joining us from Nower Hill High School in Pinner. She has a Masters in Psychology Research Methods and her knowledge within this arena, and at Masters level, is sure to benefit our psychology students. She is finding everyone at BMS very friendly and is really enjoying being with us. Beyond the school day Miss Lindau enjoys travel which gives her the opportunity to explore new places.



Please join us in wishing all these staff every success in their careers at Bushey Meads School.

# BUGSY MALONE – coming to BMS soon!



The school production this year is 'Bugsy Malone' and after an outstanding turnout at the auditions, roles have been cast and rehearsals have begun.

I was lucky enough to watch some of the dance rehearsals and chat to a few of the cast members; everyone was extremely zealous about the progress of the production.

Eleanor, a year 10 student playing Louella, is excited about bringing her characterisation skills to this ditsy character. Similarly, police detective team Abby and Tyler, playing O'Dreary and Captain Smolsky respectively, have been practising hard at their scenes with enthusiasm and vigour.

They told me they were excited about the upcoming performances in front of such big audiences. It's so wonderful to see a passion for being a part of the arts

community and chatting to people in all years resounding in all the members. Alongside this amazing dynamic team is an admirable work ethic so early into the show's preparations.

Watching the choreography for 'Bad Guys', 'Fat Sam's Grand Slam' and 'Bugsy Malone' I saw some very promising routines with some brilliant dancing as well as singing. The bar for school productions at Bushey Meads has always been very high and judging by the standards of the rehearsals, Bugsy Malone should be no different. So this is show business!

Bugsy Malone will be taking place in November, so do remember to come along!

By Amira Izhar - Arts Faculty Journal



Bugsy Malone at Bushey Meads School

Tues 15<sup>th</sup>, Wed 16<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> November

All performances start at 7.00pm

Tickets going on sale soon!

