

Y11's Toughest Catering Culinary Challenge Yet

Mrs Hanbury, Teacher of Food Technology

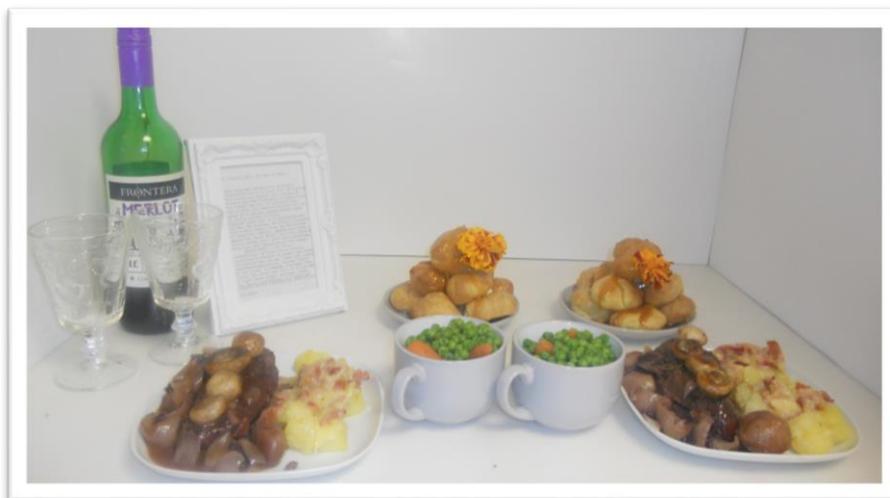
The Year 11 GCSE catering group faced their toughest challenge during the week before half term. Students were given their brief over the summer break: *'The local hotel in your area is holding an international week. As the trainee chef you have been invited to take part and have been asked to prepare a two course meal from a country of your choice.'*



Many students used their GAP task to make a start on researching the culture of numerous countries and their traditional ingredients and dishes.

The students chose countries near and far: Poland, Mexico, France, Morocco, and Malaysia to name but a few. They spent the first few weeks trialling various dishes at school, evaluating and assessing the skill level and quality of the dishes.

Once they had made their decision, the date was set, ingredients purchased and the long afternoon of whisking, poaching, kneading, sautéing and chopping began. The commitment, dedication and hard work from the students was outstanding. The aromas that wafted through C-block were delicious.



Thank you to all the staff that floated in and out encouraging, tasting and evaluating the finished dishes. The students all commented that they appreciated the support. Also, a big thank you to the former food students in year 12 who gave up their afternoon to help out.



Dates for the Diary

Sat 5th / Sun 6th Nov
School Prod Rehearsals

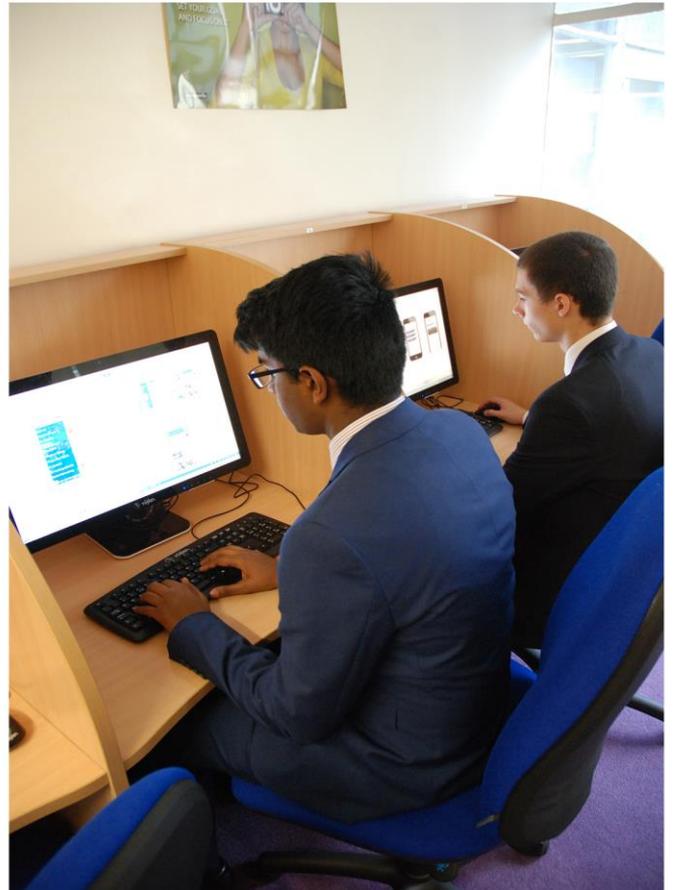
Tues 8th Nov
**SIXTH FORM OPEN
EVENING: 7 – 9 pm**

Wed 9th Nov
Bronze DoE Evening
6 – 7pm

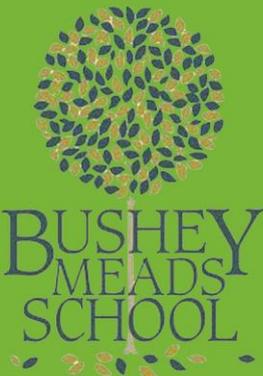
Thurs 10th Nov
ENRICHMENT DAY
(various trips)

Sat 12th / Sun 13th Nov
School Prod Rehearsals

Tues 15th- Thurs 17th Nov
**SCHOOL PRODUCTION:
BUGSY MALONE**



Aspire to Achieve



Sixth Form OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 8th November 7-9pm

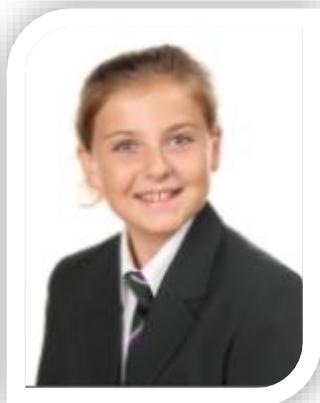
'An outstanding and inclusive 6th form'

'Students are making better progress than all students nationally at A level' Ofsted 2012

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

KEY STAGE 3



Rebecca (07Beech)

This week's student of the week for KS3 goes to Rebecca from 07Beech. Rebecca is an extremely helpful member of the year group who goes above and beyond to help out, including giving up her lunch breaks to help Mrs Jackman. Rebecca is polite, friendly and is a pleasure to have as part of our Bushey Meads Community. Keep up the good work Rebecca!

KEY STAGE 4



Erikson (11Beech)

This week's student of the week for KS4 has been nominated by Miss Dhanecha, Pastoral Manager. Erikson, at present has the highest number of reward points across the whole of KS4, with no behaviour points. Erikson has always been a diligent student at Bushey Meads and we would like to recognise his hard work and positive attitude. Well done Erikson, keep up the great work and good luck for the upcoming Pre-Public Exams!

KEY STAGE 5



Daniel Champion (13Elm)

Daniel has spent his half term break visiting Universities and planning for his future. He is hoping to study Computer Science at University with Lincoln currently his first choice. With all Daniel's hard work we are sure that he will be successful in his aspiration to further his education.

Word of the Week (WOW)

Ms Bowe - Lead Practitioner for English and Whole School Literacy

Language is empowering: This week's word of the week is **avarice**. Year 11 are studying 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens and exploring what happens to someone so filled with avarice three ghostly spirits must visit him to show him the error of his ways!



Word of the Week

31.10.16

c. 1300, from Old French *avarice* "greed, covetousness" (12c.), from Latin *avaritia* "greed," from *avarus* "greedy," adjectival form of *avere* "crave, long for."

Pronounce it: *Av-ar-ris*

Noun



Avarice

Definition

- unstoppable desire for wealth (personified as one of the deadly sins)
- extreme greed for material wealth

Avarice means extreme *greed*. It's one of what some call "the seven deadly sins." If you're on a constant quest for more and more money... property... possessions, then you are filled with avarice. When people talk about greed, it's clearly not a good thing, but *avarice* has far worse connotations. Avarice is often looked upon as a sin, and it's always considered despicable and evil. Very often unpleasant characters in literature are filled with avarice. For example, Ebenezer Scrooge in Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' cares for nothing else but making money. He won't even celebrate Christmas because it doesn't make him any money! "What's Christmas time to you but a time for paying bills without money; a time for finding yourself a year older, but not an hour richer?"

Sentence example:

-At the start of the novel, Dickens shows the reader how cold-hearted Scrooge can be as he is filled with avarice.

Use it instead of:
miserliness, stinginess, penny-pinching, covetousness

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

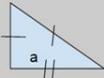
Maths Challenge of the Week

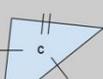
Mr Akram - Lead Practitioner for Mathematics

Answers to Last week's Challenges:

Level 1:

Maths Challenge Level 1







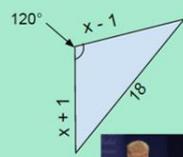

Which Two Triangles Are Congruent?



12kanesamoorthys@busheymeads.org.uk
12lawmanm@busheymeads.org.uk

Level 2:

Maths Challenge Level 2





Calculate the value for x. Leave your answer to 2dp.

12campbell@busheymeads.org.uk
12mavjik@busheymeads.org.uk

MATHS CHALLENGE VI

Level 3:

Maths Challenge Level 3

Calculate the area of the region bounded by the curve with equation $y = x^3(4x+9)$, the x-axis and the lines $x = 1$ and $x = 2$.




12woolmerv@busheymeads.org.uk
12baldryc@busheymeads.org.uk
12patelr@busheymeads.org.uk

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

Attendance and Attainment

Ms Ash, Assistant Headteacher

At Bushey Meads School we recognise the connection between attendance at school and attainment and strive to achieve 96% attendance (well above National Average). Research has proven that where attendance regularly falls to 90% or below there is a direct impact on the GCSE results attained as seen on the chart below.

Weekly Attendance:

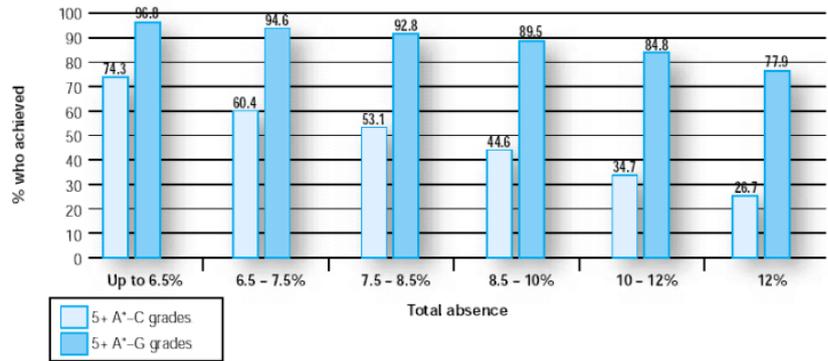
90% = ½ day

80% = 1 day

70% = 1 ½ days

60% = 2 days

50% = 2 ½ days



The statistics for the first half term are:

Year Group	% attendance Autumn 1 half term
7	96.7
8	96.1
9	94.8
10	95.6
11	95.8
12	94.1
13	92.6
TOTAL	95.4

The greater the attendance the greater the achievement

What can you do to ensure outstanding attendance?

- Come to school unless you are ill enough to see a Doctor
- Don't take holidays in term time
- Try to make medical appointments after school
- Talk to teachers or your parents if you are worried about something

Attend and Achieve!

- If you miss school this will affect your **attainment**
- Make sure you **catch up** on all work you miss

Ensure your attendance remains above 96%, allowing you to achieve your potential

Stoke Mandeville National Junior Games

Monday 3rd – Thurs 6th October 2016

Ms Day, Team Lead of TAs for PNI students

Monday 3rd October, a bright and sunny morning, had finally arrived and students boarded the minibuses ready for the annual action-filled four days at the Stoke Mandeville National Junior Games! It was particularly special this year as this is where the Paralympics began (the first official Games taking place in Rome in 1960) and Team GB had performed amazingly in Rio just a few weeks previously.

Once we'd arrived and unpacked in our dorms, we joined in the "Have-a-Go" sessions and entered competitions in a wide variety of sporting events: track and field athletics, snooker and pool, zone hockey, wheelchair basketball, fencing, karate, boccia, table tennis, table cricket, polybat, wheelchair tennis, golf, shooting, archery, handcycling, power-lifting, seated volleyball, rhythmic gymnastics and badminton. Many of our students reached semi-final and final positions and there were numerous nail-biting play-offs.

On the track our team excelled in the 60m and 100m running races. On the field, our students also made great progress in shot, discus and javelin. The shooting gallery was, as usual, a popular event, and most of our team managed to have the opportunity to have a go. Two of our team, Melisa and Ben, were identified as having Paralympic potential and their parents have since contacted the GB Shooting Club on the recommendation of the coaches! Ben has already returned and shown his amazing accuracy on the adult targets, and Melisa has met with the coaches this week and will start training for the Paralympics next month!

We were all very privileged to meet the Team GB Paralympian David Smith, who spent time coaching at the Games, offering advice and tips. David won a gold medal for boccia in Rio this September. The BMS team had a photo taken with him, and some were lucky enough to hold his surprisingly weighty medal! Kai Shah played brilliantly in the boccia competition again this year, reaching the semi-finals, despite the really tough competition.



BMS entered two teams for the zone hockey tournament and both played some fast, energetic and exciting games - there were some close finishes and some inspirational goalkeeping!

Again, one of the highlights was the disco on Wednesday night where all athletes join together in a mass celebration in the sports hall. Our BMS team, regaled in glow bracelets, having shone in their events, shone on the dance floor too!

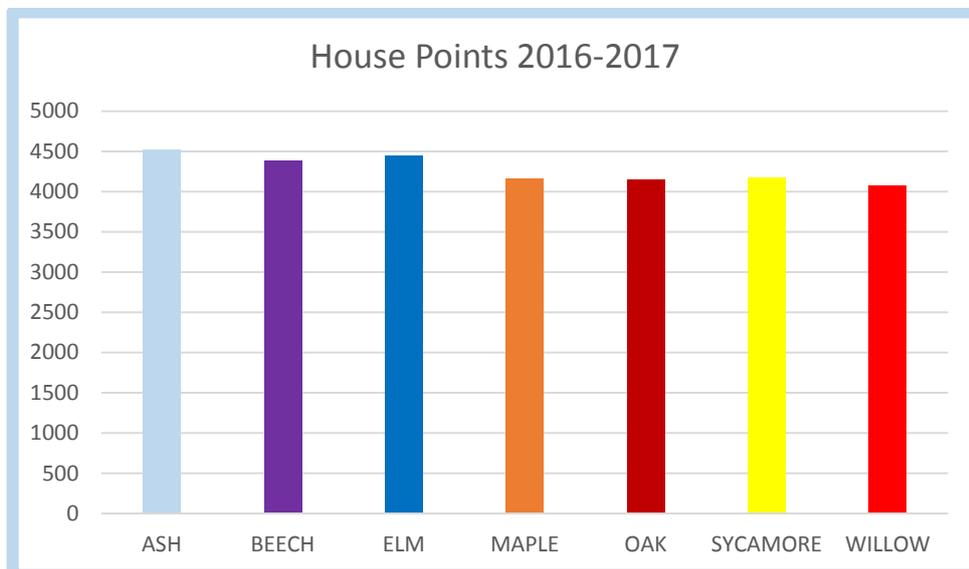
In the closing ceremony all our students received medals for participating; the presentation of certificates will be taking place later this term.

Students and staff, as always, had a fantastic, though exhausting time! It was unanimously agreed that this was “the best ever” and everyone is already looking forward to the 2017 event! Staff who supported on the trip feel privileged to have been part of such a memorable and inspiring four days. A big thank you to all involved!



Attendees: Tristian Blomfield, Grace Bonner, Meesha Kanani, Ben Lawson, Lee Keogh, Megan Hughes, Hannah Spriggs, Sarthak Kanel, Ross Machen, Matt Archer, Ellie Grayling, Nicola Hauff, Jack James, Parag Sangani, Kai Shah, Daniel Adebajo, Francesca Martin, Abderrahim Taghrest, Oliver Jack, Rhianna Jinks and Melisa Lowenberg.

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE



ASH	4512
ELM	4438
BEECH	4374
SYCAMORE	4167
MAPLE	4161
OAK	4143
WILLOW	4069

The House cross country competition has pushed ASH into first place (see PE & Health article on page 14). But still a long way to go...



YEAR 7 CELEBRATION EVENING



Mr Fisher, Senior Assistant Headteacher



Year 7 ended their first half term with a special celebration evening, so well attended that students needed to stay late in order to put on two packed performances to parents and carers.

During the first half of the Autumn term subjects had collaborated and combined their essential curricular with a community theme. This all helped to make the evening visually very entertaining as well as informative.

First, parents gathered in the restaurant area where each subject had laid out a table with display materials and examples of students' work.

Students hosted each table and spoke to the parents about their studies. Refreshments were available and the food technology department had prepared special health snacks to give out.



Then parents moved to their pre-booked theatre seats in the hall for the performance part of the evening. The whole of Year 7 sang a memorable African welcome song to begin the evening and they finished the evening off with a finale of songs in Spanish and French, all accompanied by a sizable orchestra of enthusiastic musicians from Year 7.

In between, the audience were treated to displays of dance, gymnastics, drama and a solo musical performance from our Year 7 Grade 5 clarinetist, Isaac.

Many students came up on stage to explain about their studies in maths, history, geography, RE, science, technology and English.

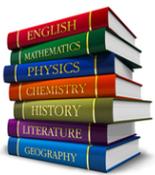


Mr Fisher thanked staff and students for their fantastic contributions towards this highly successful evening and thanked parents and carers for showing such encouragement by coming along in such numbers to show support.

More able at BMS



Could you take up the mooc challenge?



I have spoken about moocs in the past both in the newsletter and in assembly. However I would now like to invite all students to take up the challenge of completing one.

A mooc is a *massive online open course* which is designed and run by universities. There are a range of moocs for many different subject areas. You could choose to complete a mooc on a subject that you really like or would like to improve upon. You could even choose to study something completely new!



The advantages of completing one are that you will deepen your knowledge of a particular subject and develop your independent learning skills. If you are in sixth form or year 11 it will be beneficial for your university or sixth form application.

If you would like to take up the challenge then speak to me or visit www.futurelearn.com for more information.

Miss Booth, More Able Co-ordinator

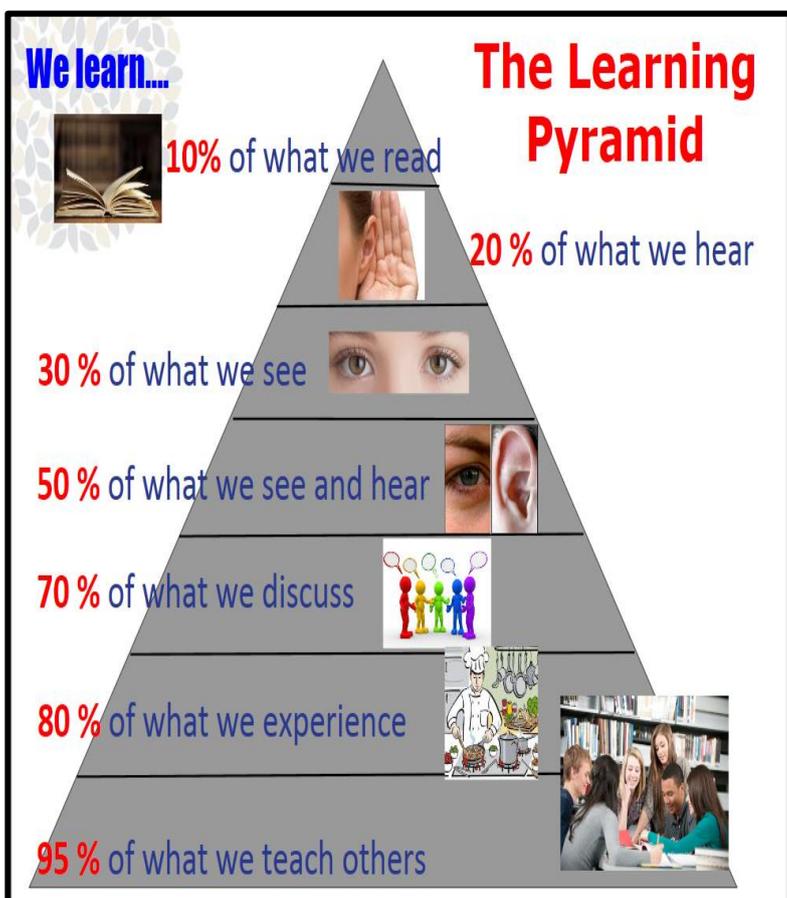
Revision Techniques Evening

Ms Ash, Assistant Headteacher

On Wednesday 19 October the main hall was packed with Year 11 students, parents and carers ready to learn different strategies and techniques for revision. Ms Bowe, Lead Practitioner for English, opened the evening with some useful pointers such as:

- Ensuring there is a dedicated and organised work space
- Snack don't binge – 20-30 minutes' worth of revision at a time works best
- Revision starts early – i.e. now!

She also looked at how we learn the best, and the best revision techniques you can utilise to maximise the outcomes



Exploring Revision Strategies

Content learning:

- reading notes
- using text books
- mind-maps / diagrams
- Highlighting/colour coding
- flash cards

Skills Development:

- Using a revision wall to display learning
- Writing exam answers under timed conditions
- reading model answers
- using past papers/planning answers

Getting Feedback from Experts

- Working with study groups/other students
- Comparing model answers against your own work
- Creating your own exam questions
- Handing in exam work for feedback
- one-to-one discussions with teachers



Mr Akram, Lead Practitioner for Maths, Mr Dudson-Green, Advanced Lead Teacher for Science, and Mrs Bowe then went through particular pointers for the core subjects, in particular the various apps available to support students with revision. Mr Fisher, Senior Assistant Headteacher, reminded everyone about how SAMLearning can be used as a revision tool for all subjects and Ms Dhanecha, Pastoral Manager, emphasised the importance of attendance.

Be Healthy – Cycle or Scooter to School

Mr Turner, Executive Principal



As a school we are very keen to promote health and wellbeing; our superb Health and PE Faculty, brilliantly led by Mr Cartledge and his dedicated and committed team, showcase outstanding practice across the local and regional landscape, recognised by our ongoing prestigious award of Healthy Schools Status. In line with this strong ethos and culture we want to encourage as many of our students to walk and cycle or scooter to school.



In recent discussions with the Hertfordshire Highways planning department we are looking to make the roads around the school as safe as possible, and you will notice a number of small but significant improvements near to the school over the next few weeks. These include repainting the road markings, adding to the safety signage around the school main entrance and exploring re-tarmacking the road crossing area on Coldharbour Lane.



Martin Sears who is an Engineer within the Integrated Transport Planning Highways Department, and local Councillor for Bushey North, Jane West, pictured here, have been instrumental in supporting this key agenda.

In addition we have secured the financial support to install a brand new cycle canopy at the rear of the school. This will mean that any student cycling to school and entering the school by the Harcourt Road entrance will be able to easily and securely store their bicycle near the rear gate of the school.



If enough students also indicate that they would like to use a scooter to come to school we can also install a scooter pod near the existing bicycle shed at the front of the school where students can lock their scooters securely on the school site.

As parents, do talk to your children about cycling and scootering to school.

If you haven't already done so in the last newsletter, please click on this link to express an interest in your children making use of the new facilities: [Click here](#)

SAFETY TO AND FROM SCHOOL

With the evenings getting darker, particularly now the clocks have gone back, and following an alert from a local primary school, we have advised students to think carefully how to stay safe on the journey to and from school. We have recommended that students:

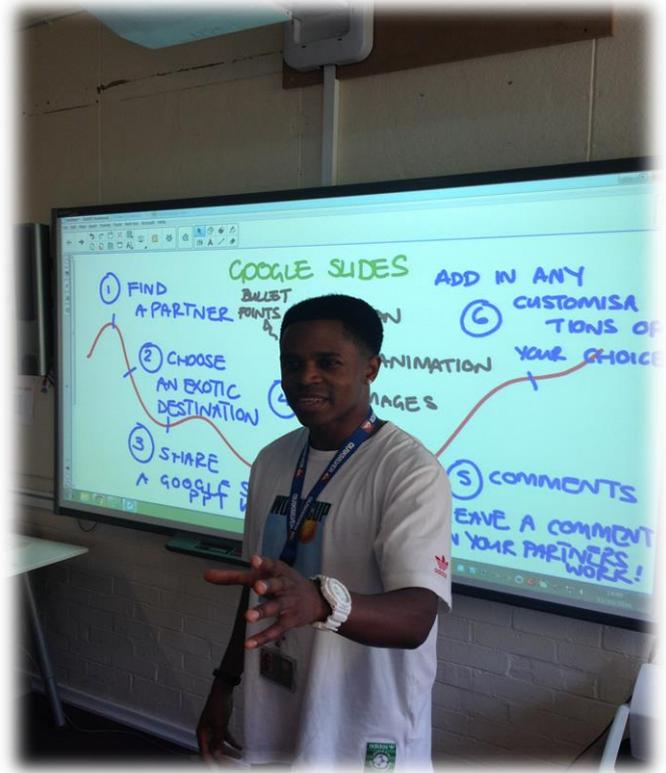
- walk in groups of 2 or 3
- do not approach any cars or vans they do not recognise
- do not engage in conversations with someone they don't know
- should they feel in danger to call 999

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

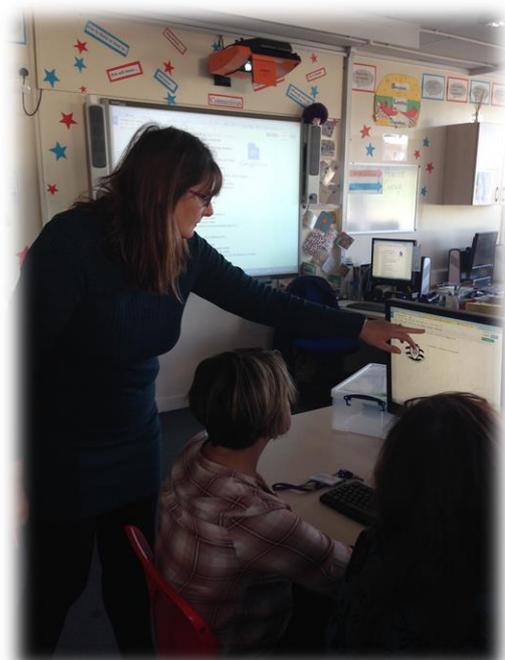
Mr Searle, Assistant Headteacher



On Monday 31st October, all of the staff at Bushey Meads School participated in a development day. The event consisted of a variety of sessions, each beginning with a brief presentation in the hall, before then branching out into classroom activities where staff members selected which workshop to attend depending on their interests and needs.



Whole staff presentations in the hall included several teaching and learning elements delivered by Miss Knowles, Ms Bowe, Mrs Charles, Miss Farook, Mr Akram and Mr Green. There was also an introduction to the educational resource website of PiXL by Mr Fisher, an overview of Level 3 Value Added information relating to Sixth Form by Mr Spary and the importance of teaching assistant and subject teacher collaboration to support students with additional educational needs by Ms Williams.



The classroom based IT sessions focused on Google elements and these were delivered by Ms Gregory, Mr Besisera, Mr Olewnik, Ms Knowles and Mr Fisher.

It was great to see the staff at BMS dedicate so much time and effort into producing materials, conducting individual research projects and acquiring new skills, all with the same intention in mind – improving the quality of service that we offer to the students in our care.

BEECH HOUSE

Miss Ward, Head of House

After two very successful years Beech House is looking forward to the third.

Already students have been participating in poetry and photography competitions as well as Laila (08Beech) winning the house talent show for our house - an amazing achievement!



A few words from our new Beech House Captain, Bella (10Beech)...



'I became beech house captain as I wanted to be able to take on the responsibility of the role itself. Last year I was deputy house captain for beech, and the previous year I was charity ambassador.

I have always enjoyed helping the house and contributing to the Beech community. As house captain, I am also involved in student parliament, which is giving the students a voice. I look forward to working with Beech through the academic year.'

STOP PRESS ++++++ OUTSTANDING SIXTH FORM RESULTS!

We have had further confirmation of just how outstanding our Sixth Form results were in the summer. The DfE's provisional data release shows our Level 3 Value Added scores are **significantly** above the national average and put us amongst the top performers nationally!

Our A level Valued Added Score was **+0.28**. This means on average students achieved nearly a third of a grade higher in every A level entry than similar students nationally.

The **highest performing A level subject was Maths with an astonishing +1.45 value added score**, meaning that on average every student scored nearly one and a half grades higher than similar students nationally!

Vocational qualification Value Added Score was a huge **+1.11!** This was in large part due to the **phenomenal performance of Music with a value added score of +1.28!**

This is more evidence that the school is continuing to provide a world class education. With outstanding results and the huge investment in facilities this year, it is no surprise that increasing numbers of students from Bushey Meads and other schools are choosing to study in our Sixth Form.

Mr Spary, Assistant Headteacher

PE and Health Faculty News

Mr Cartledge, Head of Faculty of PE & Health

INTER HOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY - ASH house wins again !!!!



The last week of the half term saw all students in KS3 taking part in the annual Inter House Cross-Country races. As ever they were well contested with over 500 students participating in the races. After all the results were collated the overall KS3 Inter-House Cross-Country winners were ASH House with a fantastic 1646 points.

Here is a complete breakdown of the points and positioning for each year group and house:

POSITION	YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9	
	House	Points	House	Points	House	Points
First	OAK	681	SYCAMORE	590	MAPLE	424
Second	BEECH	654	ASH	589	OAK	419
Third	ASH	653	BEECH	542	WILLOW	413
Fourth	ELM	593	ELM	521	ASH	404
Fifth	SYCAMORE	592	MAPLE	492	ELM	393
Sixth	WILLOW	488	WILLOW	490	BEECH	383
Seventh	MAPLE	398	OAK	427	SYCAMORE	285

HOUSE POINTS TOTALS were as follows:

HOUSE	TOTAL POINTS
ASH	1646
BEECH	1579
OAK	1527
ELM	1507
SYCAMORE	1467
WILLOW	1391
MAPLE	1314



Top performers:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Year 7 French Boys 1.Ellis Anthony ELM 2.Taylor Dowden BEECH 3.Matthew Keough OAK Year 7 French Girls 1.Megan Hooper WILLOW 2.Baleigh Brown BEECH 3.CJ Lea WILLOW	Year 8 1 Boys 1.Leo Enright ASH 2.Max Musula ELM 3.Zakariya Khan ASH Year 8 1 Girls 1.Francesca Boselli BEECH 2.Katie Branigan SYCAMORE 3.Crystal Haxhia MAPLE	Year 9 French Boys 1.James Kimber OAK 2. Josh Jones WILLOW 3.Archie Hayes OAK Year 9 French Girls 1.Anais-Taylor Wells-Harbin OAK 2.Ellese Murphy MAPLE 3.Rachel Hauff ASH
Year 7 Spanish Boys 1.Leo Feeley SYCAMORE 2.Tyler Pearce WILLOW 3.Max Machen SYCAMORE Year 7 Spanish Girls 1.Sophie Parkhouse BEECH 2.Nova Shrestha SYCAMORE 3.Holly Beecham ASH	Year 8 2 Boys 1.Charlie Mainwaring ELM 2.Aaron Doody BEECH 3.Nisarg Patel ASH Year 8 2 Girls 1.Jess Benveniste MAPLE 2.Laila Day BEECH 3.Maisie-Ann Hayes OAK	Year 9 Spanish Boys 1.Alex Rosewarn ELM 2.Avon Shrestha SYCAMORE 3.Pavit Sangasinha MAPLE Year 9 Spanish Girls 1.Naomi Djanmah OAK 2.Elise Swain MAPLE 3.Hannah Rodrigues SYCAMORE

FOOTBALL NEWS:

Year 7 Boys Football v Onslow (County Cup)

Date : Thurs 20th October

Result : Lost 6-0

Scorers :

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

Commended performances : Ellis Anthony

Comment : The boys came up against a strong and physical Onslow team and were convincingly beaten in the 1st round of the County Cup. The boys will need to improve on the defensive side of the game in the months ahead.

Year 11 Boys Football v St Clement Danes (District League)

Date : Weds 19th October

Result : Lost 5 - 1

Squad : Julius Pazio, Jack Leyshon, Curtis Meale, Joe Blagden, Connor Freeman, George Whitman, Jake Zimmatore, Callum Bedwell, Luca Castello, Kaya Cato-Guler, Euan Enright, Victor Williams, Chris Osei

Commended performances : Chris Osei

Comment : A tough game against a very strong opponent who kept a lot of possession. The team fought hard to try to stay in the game for as long as possible but a couple of lapses in concentration whilst defending and wayward finishing meant the game got away from the team.

GCSE & GCE Certificate Collection

Wed 9th November 3.15pm - 4.00pm - Room C13

After 9th November Certificates can be collected any time during the school day from the Exams Office. (Please note certificates are only kept at school for 1 year after which time the student will have to re-order them for a fee directly from the exam board)

GCSE & GCE Art and D&T Coursework Collection

Wed 9th November 3.15pm - 4.00pm - Various Art & D&T Rooms

If students cannot collect their coursework on 9th November they must contact their Art/D&T teacher to arrange collection on an alternative day.

BUSHEY MEADS PRESENTS:

ALAN PARKER'S:

BUGSY MALONE

FROM TUE 15TH NOV - THURS 17TH NOV



PLAY BY ALAN PARKER
WORDS & MUSIC BY PAUL WILLIAMS
BY ARRANGEMENT WITH FABER MUSIC LTD ON BEHALF OF
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TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL RESTAURANT OR THE BMS WEBSITE