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## SAM Learning - the leader board

Mr Fisher, Senior Assistant Headteacher

It's time for Year 11 to get serious about a revision programme to take them up to those life-changing GCSE exams in the summer. Riya and Sahil, who top our Year 11 leader board for home usage in November, are showing the way, spending between them an additional 30 hours of revision in that one month alone. No wonder we are confident that these two students are going to do brilliantly well in their exams.

For those who need a reminder, Sam Learning is our all-subjects, on-line revision system. It provides complete revision courses to complement revision and home learning set by the teacher.

By going in to SAM Learning via our school website, clicking 'login' and then 'student', a full reminder of school usernames and passwords can be found.

			Out-of-school hours spent on SAM Learning in November
Sindhi, Sahil	GCSE	11	15 hrs, 35 mins
Patel, Riya	GCSE	11	14 hrs, 30 mins

So why don't you take up the SAM Learning revision challenge?

Let's have more Year 11 students clocking up 15 hours or more over December!



### Dates for the Diary

**Tues 13 December**  
Student Learning  
Consultants Meeting  
(1520 – 1620)  
**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
(1900-2100)

**Thurs 15 December**  
Staff and Students  
**CHRISTMAS LUNCH**  
(ticket only!)

**Fri 16 December**  
Y7-11 New Movementz  
Workshop (all day)

**Tues 20/Wed 21 Dec**  
**Christmas Entertainment**  
(staff and students)

**Wed 21 December**  
**END OF TERM**  
Students leave at 1220

**Thurs 5 January**  
Spring Term  
(students to arrive at  
1100)

## SAM Learning



# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

## KEY STAGE 3

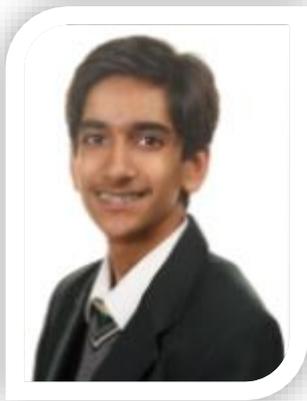


### **Anna (9Elm)**

### **Leona (9Sycamore)**

This week's KS3 students of the week are Anna (9Elm) and Leona (9Sycamore) for their amazing dance performance at the More Able Evening. They used their own initiative to research and rehearse the performance. It was a perfect way to end a brilliant evening. Both students also have excellent ATL scores. We are very proud of you both!

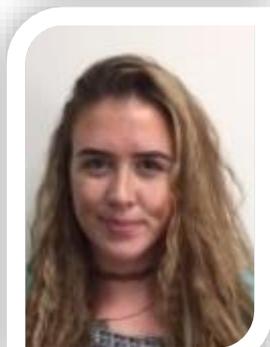
## KEY STAGE 4



### **Devan (11Sycamore)**

This week's KS4 student of the week is Devan in 11Sycamore. Devan is an exceptional student, who has 100% attendance, brilliant ATL scores and also is an active member of the BMS community. Some of his achievements include managing the school radio and performing in our school show, Buggy Malone. Most recently, this week he has played a key role in our More Able Evening, wowing parents with his 'Mathmagician' mastery! Devan is a great example to other students at BMS and a testament to what you can achieve if you work hard. Well Done Devan!

## KEY STAGE 5



### **Emily (12Beech)**

Emily has been chosen as student of the week for KS5 this week as she has been producing some fantastic work over the last couple of weeks, particularly in Government and Politics, where Mr Spary has been impressed by her fantastic contributions to lessons.

# Word of the Week (WOW)

Ms Bowe - Lead Practitioner for English and Whole School Literacy



**Word of the Week**

5.12.16



Pronounce it: *poin-yuh-nt* Adjective

Late Middle English: from Old French-present participle of *poindre*, from Latin *pungere*



## Poignant

### Definition

- creating a strong sense of sadness or regret;
- keenly distressing to the feelings.

The definition of *poignant* is something that has a strong effect on emotions or the senses. *Poignant* refers to something that touches your emotions, especially in a melancholy (sad) way. Something that is poignant affects you deeply. Watching a *poignant* clip from a wildlife programme with a baby elephant nudging his dead mother to wake up, might give you a lump in your throat. We might describe a scene from a movie as poignant if we've had trouble fighting back the tears! Something that is poignant in literature has a special significance or sadness, either for the characters, or the readers.

### Sentence examples.

- It was a poignant book about lost love and deep regret.
- The newspaper article put images of the airplane crash site next to poignant pictures of the football team winning their last ever match.

### Use it instead of:

touching, moving, sad, tearful, painful, tragic, distressing

*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 and winners to Last week's Challenges:

MATHS CHALLENGE 1

## Maths Challenge Level 1

$$\begin{aligned}x + y &= 5 \\x - y &= 4\end{aligned}$$



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## Maths Challenge Level 2

Solve to find x and y.

$$\begin{aligned}5x + 3y &= 10 \\3x - 8y &= 55\end{aligned}$$



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## Maths Challenge Level 3

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + y^2 &= 25 \\16x &= 8y - 24\end{aligned}$$

Solve this simultaneous equation. Give your answer to 1dp if necessary.



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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.

# Sharing Best Practice across the South East Region

Mr Turner, Executive Principal

Following a presentation I gave on behalf of the Bushey St James Trust at a National Capita Curriculum Conference in London last month, it was a privilege to welcome experienced school leader, Ofsted Inspector and the London Borough of Lewisham's Senior Secondary School Improvement Advisor Jackie Jones to the Bushey St James Trust last Friday.



Jackie came to find out more about our nationally acclaimed work in the area of Key Stage 2 – 3 Transition.

The day started with her spending time with Senior Assistant Headteacher Mr Fisher and Assistant Headteacher Mrs Wright who works on the leadership teams at both Bushey Meads and Little Reddings Primary School.

Jackie thoroughly enjoyed an excellent presentation from Mr Fisher and met with key staff and students at Bushey Meads.

After a tour of our rapidly developing school site, the day ended with her visiting Little Reddings Primary School and being given a guided tour by Head Boy Max and Head Girl Mia. They were superb ambassadors for their school, and indeed the Trust, and answered loads of questions about their own aspirations, the key marking and feedback agenda in the school and the hugely positive culture for learning that is so well embedded in all classrooms throughout the school.

Pictured here, Mia is explaining to Jackie the 'tickled pink and green for growth' marking strategy adopted by Little Reddings School which feeds so well into the 'green pen marking' and 'purple pen of progress' policy used at Bushey Meads.



Jackie found her time at the Bushey St James Trust quite inspirational. She took back loads of ideas which she said she was going to use in the London Borough of Lewisham to improve the learning journey from Year 6 to 7 and the whole area of transition from primary to secondary school.

It was a proud day for the Bushey St James Trust and it reminded me how wonderful our students are and how much exemplary practice exists across our two fabulous schools.

On Monday morning this was the thank you email from Jackie that came into my inbox.....

*'I just wanted to say a huge thank you for hosting my visit on Friday. It was really inspiring to hear what you do to make the Year 7 pupils feel so at home so quickly. I realise it starts early on and that this is a huge commitment from all your staff and students.*

*Please can you thank everyone involved in my visit, Mr Fisher Mrs Wright and the Pastoral Team, but especially all the students I met both at Bushey Meads and Little Reddings. They are pupils any school would be so proud of.*

*I will be sharing what I learnt with my transition working group and, hopefully, spreading this good practice to the schools in Lewisham.'*

Kind regards.

*Jackie Jones*

**Service Manager for School Improvement and Intervention  
Directorate of Children and Young People**

## **VACANCIES FOR PARENT GOVERNORS**

**Reminder for all parents and carers:** A group call email was sent out to all parents and carers last week, notifying of two vacancies for parent governors that will arise at the end of December due to the expiry of term of office of two of our valued and experienced parent governors.

Please do take the time to read the letter from Mr Turner inviting parents and carers to consider submitting an application for one of these posts. The nomination form is also attached to the email – NB it is essential that should you submit an application it is seconded.

**Deadline for applications: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016, 4.00pm.**

# EXHIBITION CELEBRATING ART AND DESIGN



Mr Heywood, Head of Art and Media Studies

At the end of the summer term we held our annual exhibition of Art, Design and Photography at GCSE, AS and A Level. The exhibition also showcased the school's exciting film work produced in Media Studies.

Parents were able to come along to share and celebrate with the students the success of all the work that had been produced through the academic year.

In order to now share this work with the local community, a selection of paintings, designs and photographs from the exhibition will be on view at:

## ***BUSHEY LIBRARY***

***Fri 9<sup>th</sup> December - Fri 20<sup>th</sup> January***

To give you a flavour of the standard of work, here are just a few of the pieces of work which are on display.

Do try to find time to call in to the Library to view the talented work of our students. The Library is situated on the hill of Sparrows Herne, on the left as you are heading towards Bushey Heath. There is a car park and it is on the 142/258 bus routes.



# More Motivated - More Able

Mr Malik, Assistant Pastoral Manager (Y9 & 10)



It was a pleasure to be involved with the More Able evening on Tuesday, 6 December, and share the achievements of the students involved with the exciting *More Able Passport* initiative.

The next phase of the initiative will see the passport being offered to even more students in the new year, allowing them to challenge themselves to reach their potential and explore their academic interests. Students will benefit from guidance of the pastoral team through regular meetings.

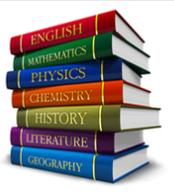
The students will also benefit from the expertise of Miss Booth during the super-curricular club, where they will be able to focus on a topic of interest in detail and complete a project of their choice. They will be encouraged to complete MOOCs (massive open on-line courses) in an array of specialist topics which are provided by various universities. On completion of each MOOC they can obtain a certificate as proof of their achievement and for their portfolio.

If, after seeing the benefits of the initiative at the More Able evening that was held on Tuesday, as a parent or student you feel that you would like to get involved or have any questions, please register your interest with Mr Malik via email at [malikk@busheymeads.org.uk](mailto:malikk@busheymeads.org.uk).

January will be the perfect time to embark on a journey of discovery and challenge!

## More able at BMS

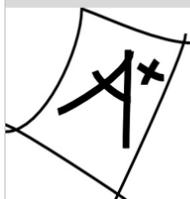
### More able evening



Firstly I would like to say a big thankyou to all of you who attended our more able evening on Tuesday evening.

I myself very much enjoyed the student performances on the evening which demonstrated the amazing talents that many of our students possess.

It was also excellent to listen to the members of staff from the various faculty areas speak and to hear all of the wonderful things that are being done across the school for our more able students.



I hope that we inspired you during the evening to make the most of every opportunity available and that you left the event with some new ideas to try that will help you with your learning.

Miss Booth, More Able Co-ordinator



Mrs Wright, Assistant Headteacher

Thank you to all of the students, parents and teachers who attended our wonderful More Able Evening on Tuesday night.

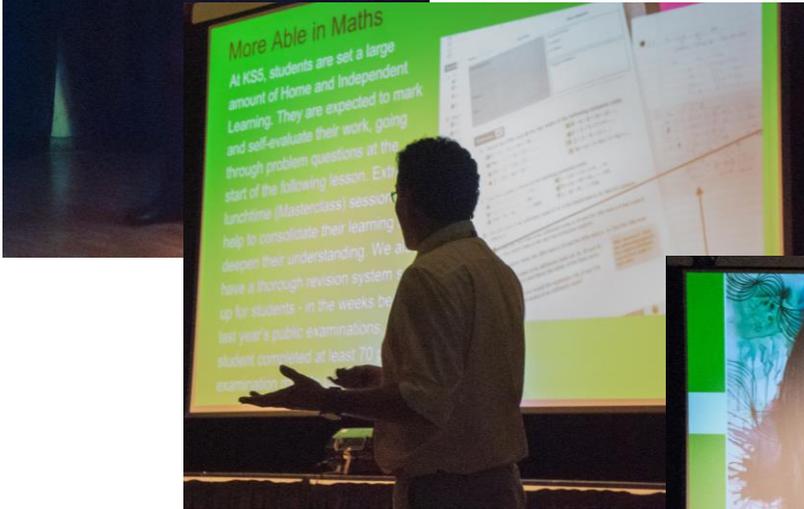


It was a great opportunity for us to showcase some of the exceptional work that is being produced across the school.

Key members of staff delivered some excellent presentations that aimed to expand the already established repertoire of

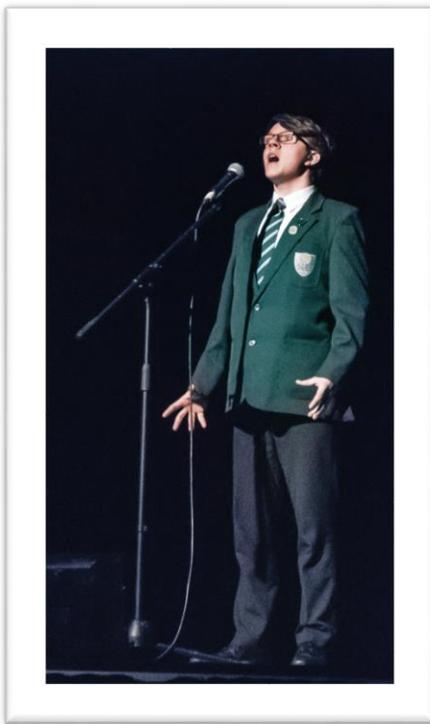


study skills in the toolkit! The importance of having a growth mind-set was a crucial strand running through the entire evening.



**More Able in Maths**  
At KSS, students are set a large amount of Home and Independent Learning. They are expected to mark and self-evaluate their work, going through problem questions at the start of the following lesson. Extra lunchtime (Masterclass) sessions help to consolidate their learning, deepen their understanding. We also have a thorough revision system set up for students - in the weeks before last year's public examinations, a student completed at least 700 examinations.

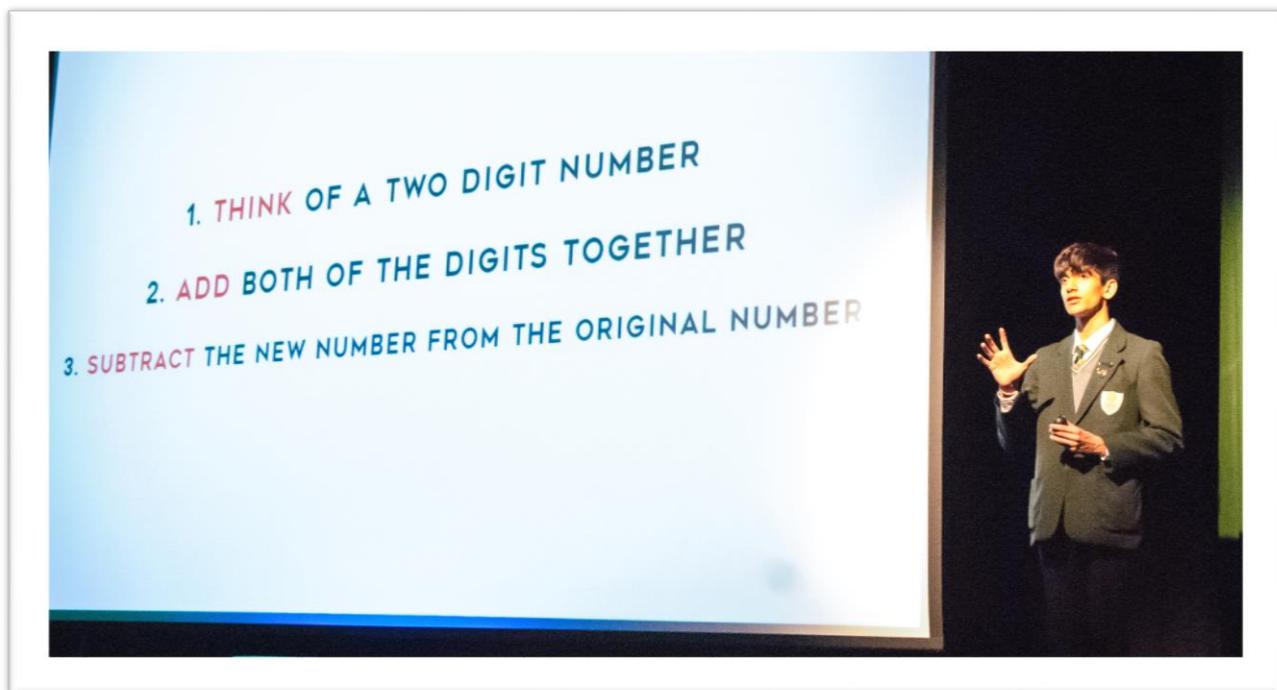




We saw some excellent performances in Dance, Drama and Music that inspired us all. Thank you to Cerys Lightfoot, Tom Clarke, Arash Qais, Marie Hofer-Tillyer, Aaron Robinson, Ellie Richardson, Leona Sedman and Anna Finley for their amazing dedicated rehearsals and final performances. They were the stars of the show! Here are a couple of the performances to give you an idea.



Devan (11Sycamore) treated us to some Magic Maths, bringing this to life for the audience in a practical and inspirational way. He demonstrated how teaching others can embed the knowledge and enhance the learning of peers.



The parents also experienced some 'crowd magic' as they arrived on Tuesday night by our budding magicians, Thomas Manzie and Jesse Harry-Brown.

Thank you to all who attended the evening, and to the staff and performing arts technicians who volunteered their time.

# MAPLE HOUSE

## ACHIEVEMENT

Last week the theme of the week was 'achievement'. With this in mind, I spoke to a few of the students in Maple house to find out about their own achievements. These are just a few examples of BMS students taking opportunities and achieving something not only for themselves, but for the school.

### George (9M)

As a grade 7 trumpeter and a grade 6 pianist, George can regularly be seen doing what he does best as part of the BMS school orchestra.



### Megan & Samantha (11M)

Megan and Samantha are both part of the BMS GCSE dance company. Megan has only been dancing for two years but has worked hard to learn a lot of different styles and was asked to do a solo at her most recent competition. Samantha has danced at the Royal variety performance and at The O2.



### Holly (10M)

Holly is a seasoned performer here at BMS as an actress, singer and musician. This year Holly bagged the leading role of 'Blousey' in 'Bugsy Malone'.



### Aaron (12M)

Aaron is part of the BMS go-karting team and in his last two competitive races he finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively (coming all the way from 9<sup>th</sup>!).

## 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 by holding the highest reward points tally within their year groups. Congratulations to them all - keep up the good work!

**Year 7 – Andrea Tamang**

**Year 8 – Isabel Hart**

**Year 9 – Lucy Newman**

**Year 10 – Ellis Brown**

**Year 11 – Claudia Baldry**

**Year 12 – Meesha Kanani**

**Year 13 – Hana Barlas**



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!

**MR COX, HEAD OF HOUSE - MAPLE**

## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

**Photography Competition**  
**DEADLINE Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of January**

<b>Theme</b> 'Messages'	<b>Categories</b> KS3 KS5 Staff	KS4 Arts Students Parents
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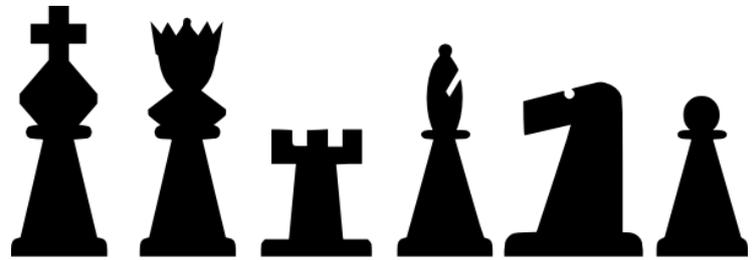
A winner in each category and an overall winner will be announced at the exhibition on the 18<sup>th</sup> January.

**All entries to Mrs Waring.**  
**Send Photographs via email in jpeg format.**

**Entries must have: Full Name, House, Year/Category.**

A fantastic opportunity to earn house points and try out something new is the forthcoming house photography competition. You get points just for entering so what have you got to lose! Parents and Carers as well as staff are welcome too so grab those cameras and start snapping.

# THE CHESS CLUB IN ACTION



Students from a range of year groups have been enjoying a challenging game of chess at the chess club this week.

The students hone their tactics with advice and tips from the experts and have some very close and stimulating competitions.



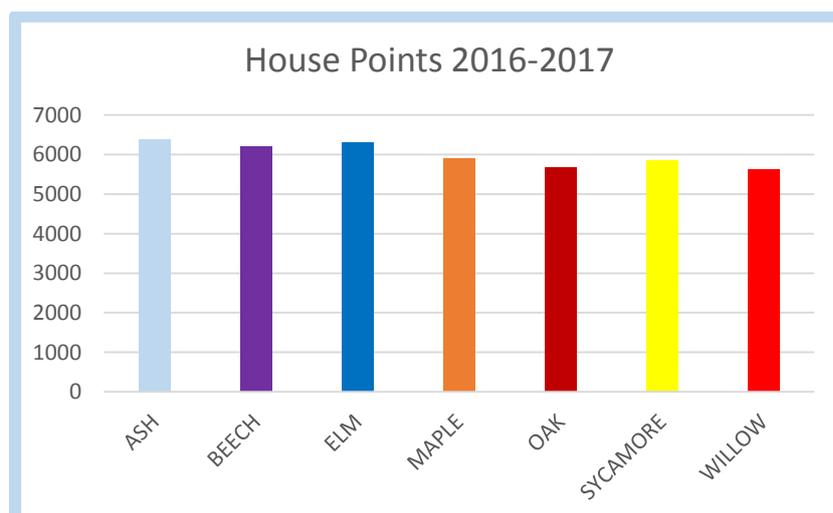
If you don't know how to play or you are interested to learn chess then you are very welcome to join the club which runs on:

**Wednesday and Friday lunch times in A1.**



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## HOUSE POINTS UPDATE



# CHRISTMAS

This week's theme of the week has been Christmas. Our assemblies have focused on looking at the true spirit of Christmas. The focus was on spending time with loved ones, giving rather than receiving and showing people that we care. Year groups were shown a variety of videos highlighting the true meaning of Christmas. In tutor time, students were asked to reflect on Christmas and what it means to them. Emily of 7Beech summed up the true meaning of Christmas beautifully, stating: 'everyone should not be wishing for what they want, but giving what they have'.  
*Mrs Smart, Assistant Pastoral Manager (Y7 & 8)*



Around the school this week our Christmas trees have been emerging, one by one, from their safe storage through the year. I thought you might like a preview of the tree in the Hall, dressed so very decadently by our Sixth Form students - Myah, Millie, Jessica, Danielle, Becca and Lily.

Those of you who will be coming along to the **Christmas Concert** next **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December**, will of course see it on the stage in all its glory!

Do try to attend this fun evening where around 150 students will be performing Christmas-themed songs. **The concert starts at 7pm.** Tickets are only £2 and include a glass of hot mulled wine. You can purchase these on-line via our website. We will be selling mince pies to go along with the mulled wine on the evening too.

Miss Brown is working extremely hard with the Y7 and Y8 Choirs (approximately 100 and 25 strong respectively!) in preparation for the evening. Do support them and make time to join the festivities.  
*Mrs Armitage, Assistant to SLT/Editor of Newsletter*



## MUSICIANS' DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

**Message for all parents/carers:** last week you were sent a group call email informing you of the details of this programme and providing you with the relevant form for completion should you wish your child to take lessons in any musical instrument from our extensive choice of instrumental lessons offered.

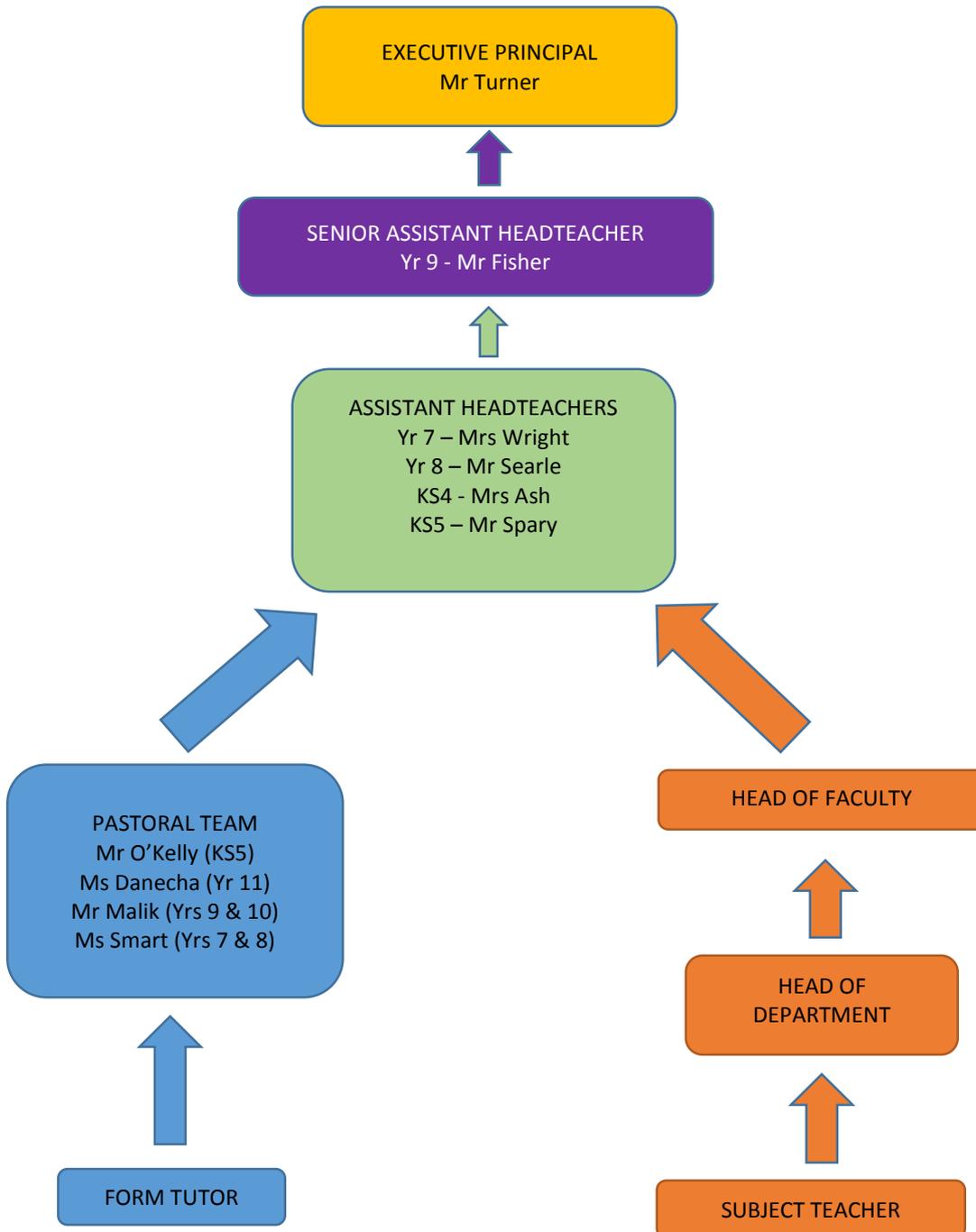
A supply of these forms are also available for students to collect from the Music Department. Please do consider whether you would like your child to benefit from this opportunity.

Please note - students entitled to free school meals may be able to claim remission of fees from Herts Music Service.

Miss Brown, Head of Music

# Channels of Communication

In a large school it is important to know who to contact if you would like to raise a concern or provide us with information. If you have a concern you would like to share with the school regarding your son or daughter your first point of contact needs to be the subject teacher or the form tutor. They can be contacted via the school email: [reception@busheymeads.org.uk](mailto:reception@busheymeads.org.uk), marking it for their attention, or by telephone: 020 8950 3000.



# PE and Health Faculty News

## Rugby news

### Year 10 Boys Rugby v Townsend (County Shield Quarter-Final)

**Date :** Thurs 1st December

**Result :** Won 31-15

**Tries :** Connor Cameron 2, Aidan Angold 2, Ferin Patel

**Conversions :** Niall O'Shea 3

**Squad :** Joel Feeley (Capt), Niall O'Shea, James Dodwell, Finlay Horastead, Joe Manning, Joel Smith, Aidan Angold, Ferin Patel, Maxwell Hamilton, Maitham Mohammed, Jack Fordham, Jack Tebbitts, Anas Djanit, Tadas Taraskevicius, Thanujan Tharmasulingham, Connor Cameron

**Commended performances :** Whole team

**Comment :** The boys followed up their win over Cavendish in the 1st round with a fantastic 31-15 win against a pacey Townsend team. The boys found themselves 10-0 down early on after 2 quick tries by the quick Townsend backs. However some much improved rucking and tackling in the later stages of the first half saw the boys claw themselves back into the game. Debutant Connor Cameron scored 2 fine tries either side of half time to put the team in front and the boys closed out the game with some excellent offensive and defensive work in the second half. The boys now move into the semi-final which will be played after Christmas.



## Netball news

### Year 9 - SW

**Date:** 29/11/16

**Opposition:** Immanuel

**Result:** Lost 8-20

**Team:** K.Gunasegaran, E. Henson, N. Djanmah, C. Lightfoot, A. Wells-Harbin, K. Williams, A. Finley, N. Redmond

**Comment:** The year 9 team worked hard throughout this fast paced match but were unable to match their opposition's scoring rate. They showed good improvements in tactical play as the game went on and should look to build on these in their upcoming matches.

**Player of the match:** K.Williams

### Year 10 - SJC

**Date:** 29/11/16

**Opposition:** Immanuel

**Result:** Lost 14-11

**Team:** M.Sjollema, M.Bonyadi, A.Parker, A.D'Alwis, A.Rashid. M.Shah, A.Trivedi, R.Aravindan

**Comment:** This was a disappointing performance from the year 10 team, demonstrating the effects of their recent lack of practice. Plenty to work on at practice next week!

### Year 7 - DMC

**Date:** 1/12/16

**Opposition:** Bushey Academy

**Result:** Won 6-2

**Team:** E Andrews, M Aravindan, I Henry, C Lea, E Homes , G De-Venny, E Walsh, J Dave

**Comment:** This was a great game to finish the league. The girls are really playing well together and making good passes and interceptions on court. They all showed determination and hard work during the game. The girls are now top of the league!

**Player of the match:** Georgia De-Venny for consistent shooting and effective movement in the circle.

### Year 8 - DMC

**Date:** 01/12/16

**Opposition:** Bushey Academy

**Result:** Won 18-1

**Team:** J Benveniste, B Patel, E Rowe, S Narroway, A Elman, M Hayes, G Brass, A Hutchinson

**Comment:** This was another fantastic performance by the girls. All the hard work in practice is really paying off, with good movement on court, accurate passing and effective interceptions. The girls are now top of the league. Well done to all players.

**Player of the match:** Skye Narroway for consistent shooting and effective movement on court.

### Year 8 - SJC

**Date:** 05/12/16

**Opposition:** Queens

**Result:** Won 16-6

**Team:** J Benveniste, B Patel, E Rowe, S Narroway, A Elman, M Hayes, G Brass, A Hutchinson

**Comment:** WOW! The year 8 team were fantastic throughout this match playing with determination and commitment and completely dominating their opposition. They thoroughly deserved this convincing victory. Well done to the whole squad (and Mrs Cartledge) as this means the year 8 team have secured the league title.

CHAMPIONS!

**Player of the match:** Georgia Brass for controlling the game from the centre position.

### Year 11 - SJC

**Date:** 05/12/16

**Opposition:** Queens

**Result:** Won 10-3

**Team:** B.Lipman, O.McManus, V.Pratt, R.Aravindan, M.Shah, A.D'Alwis, S.Narroway

**Comment:** In a team made of of students from a mixture of year groups the girls played very well together and dominated their local rivals. Once going ahead they never looked like being caught and it was an impressive way to end the season. Well played girls.

**Player of the match:** Olivia McManus

Christmas Lunch  
Thursday  
15th December



Buy  
your tickets  
from the  
restaurant today  
**£3.10**  
per head

**NO ENTRY**  
**WITHOUT A TICKET !**

**Roast Turkey**  
with all the trimmings  
or  
vegetarian Quorn and Chestnut Wellington  
with sage and onion  
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**Roast Potatoes**  
**Roasted Root Vegetables**  
**Brussels Sprouts**  
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**Christmas Pudding**  
With brandy sauce  
or  
**Fruit Trifle**  
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**Mince Pies**



NB Special Christmas lunch ONLY  
no other options on this day  
(snacks can be purchased at break)