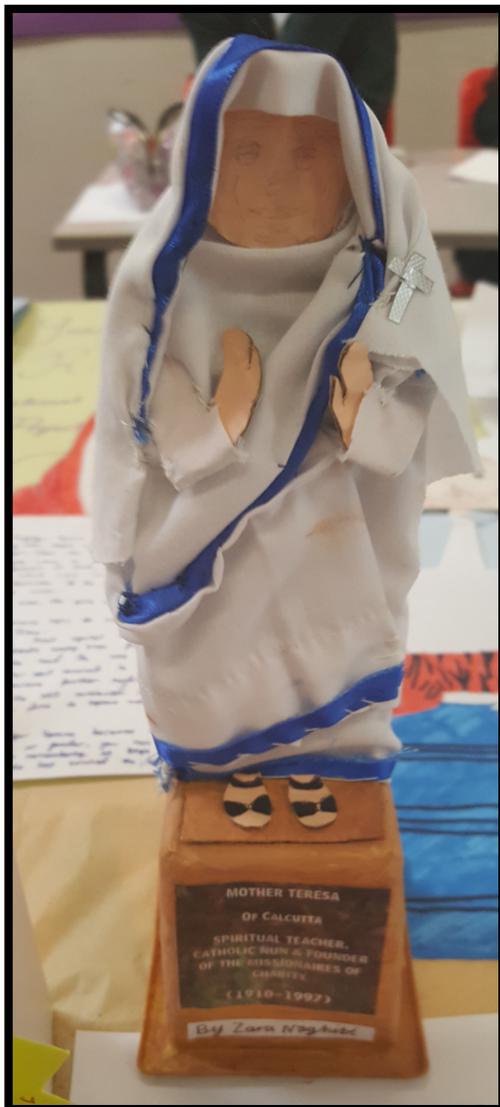


## Year 8 Religious Studies

### Homework Project

As part of a three week homework project, Miss Walters asked us to either draw or actually make a statue of a person who inspired us and explain why we chose that particular person.



I chose Mother Teresa as I personally look up to her and want to do the work she has done such as helping the sick.

Other pupils did people such as Mo Farah and Stevie Wonder.

I really enjoyed the project as it challenged me but it was also lots of fun to actually make a real statue.

It was also very enjoyable to see the other projects because it was interesting to see who other people chose and why those people were inspiring.

I thoroughly enjoyed the project and I know other people did too.

**By Zara Naghibi –Year 8**

## What's On

**Mon 27 March**

**Y11 PPE Exam Drama Performances (1800-2100)**

**Tues 28 March**

**Y13 Globe Theatre trip**

**Wed 29 March**

**WHOLE SCHOOL ENRICHMENT DAY**

**Y13 Music BTEC Gig (1800 – 2000)**

**Fri 31 March**

**END OF TERM  
SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1220**

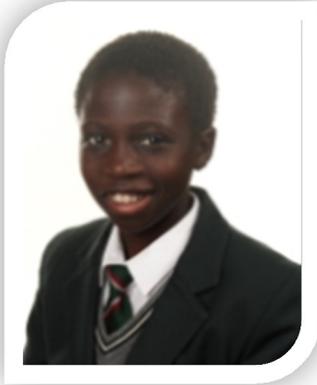
**SUMMER TERM STARTS ON  
WED 19 APRIL AT 0840**

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> April  
Y10 Geography field trip to Weymouth – depart 0900**

Turn to page 16/back page for more detail on the project from Ms Walters, along with more examples of the students work.

# STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

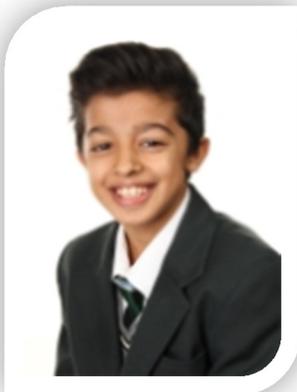
## KEY STAGE 3



### **MARVIN (09Oak)**

Marvin is this week's KS3 student of the week for his exceptional attitude to learning and extracurricular activities. Marvin is a pleasure to teach and works hard in and out of the classroom. One of these exceptional achievements is being selected to attend the prestigious Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance. Marvin was also part of the Hertfordshire Dance Festival and was a credit to the school. We are very proud of you Marvin!

## KEY STAGE 4



### **SADIQ (10Ash)**

This week's KS4 student of the week is Sadiq, for his enthusiastic approach to his learning. Sadiq has over 200 achievement points, bringing him into the top 10 in year 10! He has great ATL scores in his most recent assessment and excellent attendance. Sadiq is polite and hardworking and a pleasure to teach. Keep up the great work and no doubt you will achieve your potential.

## KEY STAGE 5



### **ADEM(13Maple)**

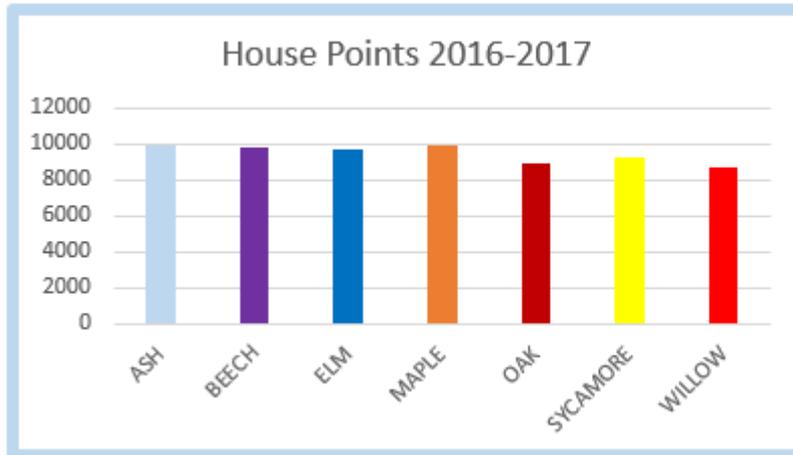
Adem recently achieved 95% in his C3 paper in mathematics. This is a fantastic achievement and one that shows how hard work pays off. Adem is looking to study Software Engineering at University and if he keeps up this level of dedication to his studies I am confident he will reach his goal.

# PASTORAL NOTICES

**Summer Term starts Wed 19 April at 8.40am**

**Advance Notice:** Next Staff Development Day is Tues 2 May, the day following the May Day bank holiday. Students therefore return to school on Wed 3 May at 8.40am.

## HOUSE POINTS UPDATE



ASH	9955
MAPLE	9943
BEECH	9775
ELM	9764
SYCAMORE	9215
OAK	8973
WILLOW	8738



## BEECH HOUSE UPDATE – Miss Ward

It has been a busy time for Beech House recently with lots of students involved in many different events...

There has been the canned food drive which lots of students contributed to, especially 7Beech. This week has been Health Week and all our students have been donating their £2 to take part in the charity fun run for the British Heart Foundation which took place on Friday. There have been many fancy dress efforts for this great cause. In addition to these charity events there is a core of talented students who have been preparing for the House Music competition which is due to take place after the Easter Holidays. Big thanks to Alastair Bointon and Daisy Wardell (12Beech) for organising the practices and supporting the younger students.

**TEACHER RECRUITMENT FAIR**

HERTS & BUCKS TEACHING SCHOOL ALLIANCE

**SATURDAY APRIL 1st**  
**10am - 12pm**

Hosted by  
**Dr Challoner's High School**  
Cokes Lane, Little Chalfont  
Bucks HP7 9QB

**LOOKING FOR A TEACHING POST?**  
**THINKING OF TRAINING TO BE A TEACHER?**  
**THIS EVENT IS FOR YOU!**

# Word of the Week (WOW)

Ms Bowe, Lead Practitioner – English & Whole School Literacy



## Word of the Week

20.3.17

Mid 16th century: from Latin *assiduus*, from *assidere* 'be engaged in doing'

Pronounce it: *Ass-id-u-ows*

Adjective

# Assiduous

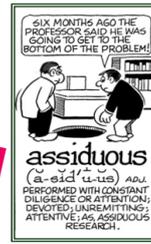
### Definition

- marked by care and persistent effort;
- showing great care and perseverance.

If you call someone assiduous, it's a compliment. You're saying they're consistently hard working as opposed to 'busy-looking-busy-and telling everyone-about-it!' Assiduous means they're careful, methodical and very persistent; good detectives are classically *assiduous* types. *Assiduous* comes from two Latin words: *assiduus*, meaning "busy, incessant, continual or constant," and *assidere*, meaning "to sit down to" something. Interestingly, we also get the word *sedentary*, meaning someone who doesn't move around much, a lazy person, from this same last word. Although we tend to think of sedentary types as being the very opposite of assiduous ones, many assiduous activities (like writing, thinking, or detective work) are sometimes best done sitting in a chair!

### Sentence example:

*Despite a heavy workload, they remained assiduous in their approach to lesson planning!*



**assiduous**  
(ə-ˈsɪd-ju-əs) ADJ.  
PERFORMED WITH CONSTANT DILIGENCE OR ATTENTION; DEVOTED; UNREMITTING; ATTENTIVE AS ASSIDUOUS RESEARCH.

### Use it instead of:

diligent, meticulous, careful, industrious, painstaking, unflagging, accurate.

### Challenge: use

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

# Maths Challenge of the Week

Mr Akram - Lead Practitioner for Maths

2017 Maths Challenge 9 Maths Challenge Level 1	Maths Challenge Level 2	Maths Challenge Level 3
Factorise the following: $12x^3 + 8x^2$	Factorise the following: $x^2 - 3x - 28$	Simplify fully the following: $\frac{2x^2 - 7x - 4}{4x^2 - 1}$
12thirucumaranv@busheymeads.org.uk	12kanesamoorthys@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.

# Scientist of the Week

Miss Martindale, Teacher of Science

<p>Nominated By Mrs Razavi</p>	<p>Michael S. Brown</p>	
	<p>Michael S. Brown is a geneticist who won a share of the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1985.</p> <p>Best known for his work on the metabolism of cholesterol in the human body and discovered that human cells have LDL receptors that extract cholesterol from the bloodstream.</p> <p>Their findings led to the development of statin drugs, the cholesterol lowering compounds that today are used.</p> <p><b>Name 3 Factors that can affect the cholesterol level in your blood?</b></p> <p>Got the answer, or want to nominate a scientist? E-mail <a href="mailto:martindalee@busheymeads.org.uk">martindalee@busheymeads.org.uk</a></p>	

# Travelling to School

Thank you to the vast majority of parents and carers who park sensibly to drop off their children in the mornings and to collect them in the afternoons. Can we please remind all parents and carers when dropping off/collecting students to ensure that you:

- park sensibly and safely with due consideration to our neighbours
- observe the yellow zigzags outside Bushey Meads and Meadow Wood schools (*no pulling into the entrances of the schools*)

**To avoid congestion in front of the school we recommend that you park further away from the school site and then the students can walk the rest of the way. We have suggested drop off points for the “Park and Stride” initiative as detailed below.**

## Park and Stride

If you live too far away or don't have time to walk the whole way to school, try 'Park and Stride'. Instead of driving to the school gate, park the car away from school and walk the last 10-15 minutes. There are car parks available at Bushey Country Club, King George Recreation Ground and The Moatfield. Alternatively, you could drive to a friend's house and walk with them. This will help reduce traffic around the school and is a great way to get regular exercise.

### Walking

Walk to school as often as you can. It is great exercise and reduces traffic around the school. This makes it safer, reduces petrol costs and helps our environment.

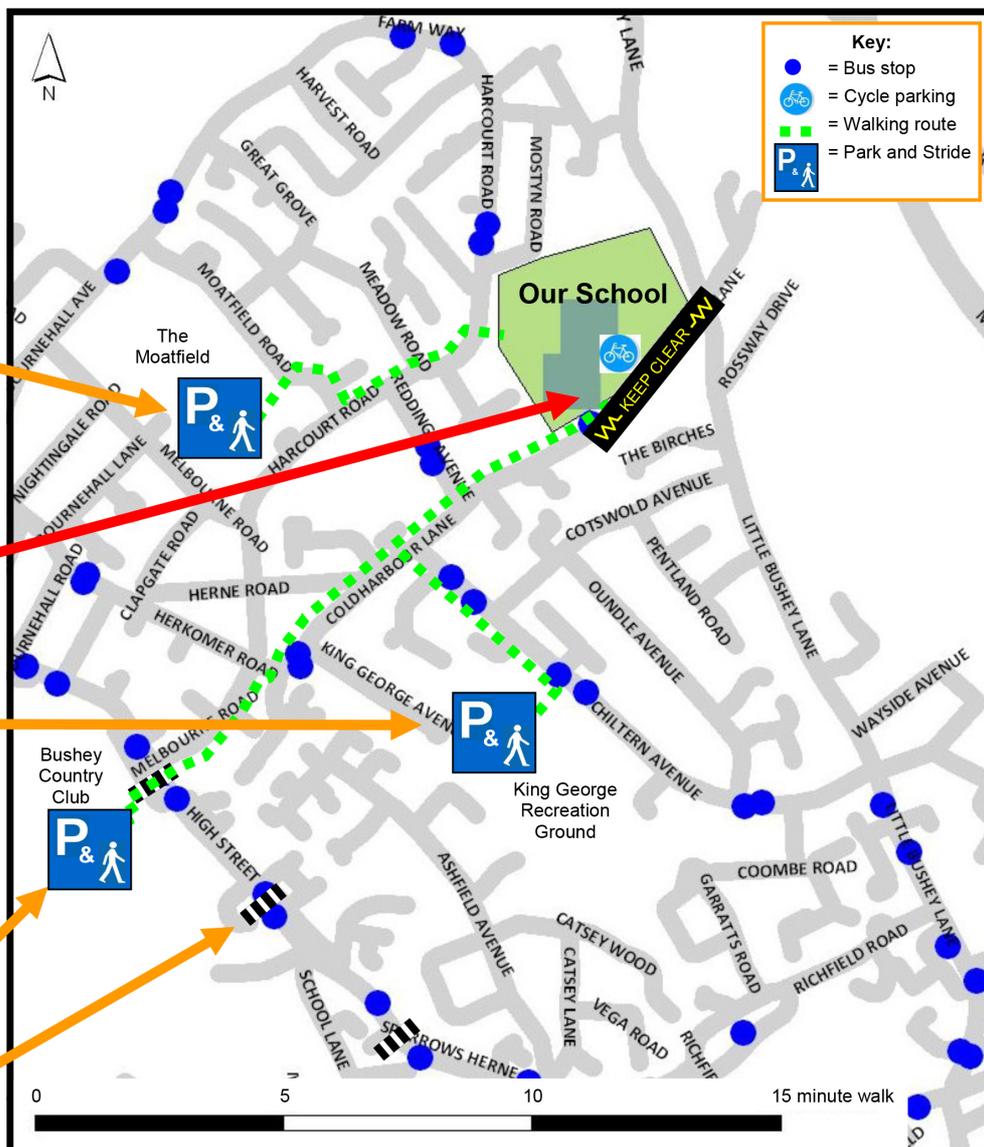
Park and Stride from the car park on Bournehall Lane by The Moatfield Pavilion.

Never park or stop your car on the yellow zig zag lines outside the school gate. They are there to keep everyone safe and can be enforced.

Park and stride from King George Recreation Ground before school. The car park may be full on summer afternoons.

Park and stride from Bushey Country Club before or after school.

Always cross roads at pedestrian crossings.





Last Week, the Science Department held a series of outdoor activities for British Science Week. With the help of the Sixth formers, we were able to perform one demonstration and one practical every lunchtime. The week kicked off with the Elephant's toothpaste demonstration and a building bridge competition. Tuesday saw giant bubbles and a competition to stop eggs from cracking after a drop. Wednesday saw the age old class of mixing Diet Coke with Mentos and Friday saw the Grand Finale – The bottle rocket launch!

*Mr. Dudson-Green, Advanced Lead Teacher for Science and Head of Chemistry*

Building Bridges and Elephant's Toothpaste – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017



Giant Bubbles! – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017



Some truly unique shaped bubbles...

Egg Life Savers – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017



A very happy winner of the Egg saving competition...

Diet Coke and Mentos – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017



Mr. Dudson-Green preparing...



Liquid Densities – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017



The competition winning picture for Liquid Densities:

Bottle Rockets! – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017



Stage 1: Design....



Stage 2: Crowd collection....



Stage 3: Launch!

## VICE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS & TRUST ATTENDS Y10/11 ASSEMBLY



During last Tuesday's assembly Richard Abrahams, vice-chair of governors of our school and of the Bushey St James' Trust, joined us to help celebrate the success of our Year 11 students.

Already 118 of our Year 11 students have completed the ECDL computing qualification, a GCSE-level award.

All of those students have achieved grade Bs and above, with a staggering 106 achieving an A\* grade.

During the assembly Richard Abrahams shook the hands of all 118 and spoke to the audience of Year 10 and 11 students, inspiring them to work hard, believe in themselves and reap the rewards of success.

*Mr Fisher, Senior Assistant Headteacher*



### VACANCY FOR PARENT GOVERNOR

**Reminder for all parents and carers:** A group call email was sent out to all parents and carers last week, notifying of a vacancy for a parent governor that has arisen due to the resignation of one 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 this vacancy. The nomination form is also attached to the email – NB it is essential that applications are seconded.

**Deadline for applications:** **Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April, 3.30pm.**

# YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING



There was a high turnout of Year 9 students on Wednesday evening, all excited at the prospects of making their GCSE choices.

Students and their parents or carers started off in the main hall where they were given a comprehensive options booklet to study and listened to short explanations of the options process from by Mr Fisher and Mr Malik.



For the rest of the evening some 40 teachers had set up presentations around the school and were on hand, together with some existing GCSE students, to explain their subjects in detail. Students now have until we return from Easter to finalise their choices before we begin to process the data.

*Mr Fisher, Senior Assistant Headteacher*

## STAFF VACANCIES AT BUSHEY MEADS SCHOOL

We are currently advertising for the following staff positions at Bushey Meads School:

**RE Teacher**

**Psychology Teacher**

**Pastoral Administration Apprentice**

Further information can be found on the school website under 'Vacancies'.

Alternatively, please contact the HR office on 020 8955 8833 or email: [vacancies@busheymeads.org.uk](mailto:vacancies@busheymeads.org.uk)

# HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY DANCE FESTIVAL

*Miss Rowden, Head of Dance*

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March we took 13 students from across Year 7 – 10 to perform at 'The Alban Arena', for the Hertfordshire County Dance Festival. It was an amazing day and the students were an asset to Bushey Meads School. Many schools from around the county including, primary and secondary schools performed in the festival and it was a fantastic collaborative event, where students were able to share their interests in dance with others from across the county.



The students performed in a matinee and evening show and received comments from other schools and members of the county dance association about their professionalism and energy throughout the piece. I was very proud of all the students and hope that this is the first of many to come. A big thank you also to Mr Malik, Assistant Pastoral Manager Y9&10 and Mrs Andrews, TAPI, for all their help.

**Kanishka, 9 Sycamore commented,** *'It was an incredible experience and it really inspired me to pursue my dance studies further. I loved being around other students who shared the same interest for dance as me'.*



As a Trust we are delighted to announce that Little Reddings Primary School is appearing for the ASDA Watford (dome roundabout) green token scheme and will remain till the end of March.

If, as a parent of a student in the Bushey St James Trust, you shop in ASDA please ensure you collect your green token and deposit it under 'Little Reddings'! Do also tell you friends and families as all tokens will help towards raising funds for our primary school within the Trust.



**YOUNG**  
BUSHEY MEADS SCHOOL

**MUSICIAN**  
APPLY TO AUDITION

**OF THE YEAR**  
KS1/2/3/4/5  
WELCOME

**2017**

DEADLINE TO APPLY 21ST APRIL  
FINAL ROUND 25TH MAY 7PM

**ASK**  
A MUSIC TEACHER  
FOR AN AUDITION SLIP



Are you a hidden musician that doesn't get the opportunity to show off your skill? Are you an instrumentalist or singer?

This year the music department is launching its own Young Musician of the Year award, open to instrumentalists - from brass players to pianists to sitar players, and singers across all the key stages to celebrate those accomplished musicians amongst the school.

Any musician is welcome to apply.

Most categories within the competition will be for solo musicians, however there will also be an opportunity for ensembles or choirs to take part in the competition. Any style of music is welcomed from classical to Carnatic!

All money raised will go towards the music department funding campaign for new instruments. **Deadline for applications is the 21<sup>st</sup> of April** with the first round of auditions commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**Please collect a slip from Miss Brown or Miss Craven.**



### Star of the Disability Shooting National Championship

The weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> /12<sup>th</sup> March was an exciting one for Melisa (07Willow), because she participated in her first national shooting championship. Some of us in Base were delighted to have the opportunity to go along and watch. Melisa was recognised as having Paralympic potential when she attended the Wheelpower National Junior Games at Stoke Mandeville last September and has been regularly training with the GB team since!

Although up against some very experienced competitors, Melisa won 2 gold medals:

R2 - Women Standing Rifle, Juniors Division

R5 - Mixed Prone Rifle, Class A

Fantastic news Melisa – you're an absolute "shooting star"!

*Ms Day, Team Leader, PNI students*



# PE and Health Faculty News

## Rugby news

### Year 7 Boys Rugby v DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT FESTIVAL @ Fullers RFC

**Date :** Wednesday 15th March

**Result :** Played: 6 Lost: 6

**Tries :** Max Machen, Leo Feely, Dylan Cross

**Squad :** Leo Feeley, Dylan Cross, Matthew Willett, Colm Monaghan, Max Machen, Mustafa Tariq, Ross Lloyd, Tommy Holmes, Lewis Lacy, Toby Stevens, Kyle Oliveira, Tom Barnes, Charlie Brown, Ethan Callaghan

**Commended performances :** Max Machen, Leo Feely, Dylan Cross, Kyle Oliveira

**Comment :** Unfortunately, BMS didn't win any of the six matches at the festival but every game was very competitive and the defeats were by very narrow margins. Despite the results, the Year 7 rugby team played their best rugby so far this season - especially in relation to rucking. With some hard work at training and a few minor improvements the squad will improve ready for the final two weeks of the rugby season.

### Year 8 Boys Rugby v DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT FESTIVAL @ Fullers RFC

**Date :** Wednesday 15th March

**Result :** Played: 6 Won: 6

**Squad :** Archie Sykes, Charlie Mainwaring (c), Shyam Pattni, Aaron Doody, Max Musula, Tom Phillips, Leo Enright, Jesse Harry-Brown, Ben Goring, Jaylen Sotomey, Toyosi Oyedeji, Mikey Berry, Jake Norris-Ataie, Harris Plant, George Rowe

**Commended performances :** The whole squad



**Comment:** A fantastic team performance allowed the team to win 6 games from 6.

With devastating running power from team and resolute defending, the victories came thick and fast.

A great afternoon out of school as you can see!

### Year 7 Boys Rugby v FC Academy

**Date :** Monday 20th March

**Result :** Lost 45-30

**Tries :** Leo Feeley 3, Dylan Cross, Max Machen, Charlie Brown

**Squad :** Leo Feeley, Dylan Cross, Colm Monaghan, Max Machen, Ross Lloyd, Tommy Holmes, Lewis Lacy, Toby Stevens, Kyle Oliveira, Tom Barnes, Charlie Brown

**Commended performances :** Leo Feeley, Dylan Cross, Max Machen

**Comment :** A much improved second half performance by the boys who showed much better ball retention and improved ball handling in the backs as the game progressed.

### Year 10 Boys Rugby v Rickmansworth (Friendly)

**Date :** Weds 22nd March

**Result :** Lost 24-0

**Squad :** Joel Feeley (Capt), Niall O'Shea, James Dodwell, Finlay Horastead, Joe Manning, Joel Smith, Aidan Angold, Ferin Patel, Maxwell Hamilton, Jack Fordham, Connor Cameron, Jack Steele, Yama Qarib, Henry Stewart

**Commended performances :** Joe Manning, Joel Smith

**Comment :** A good effort by the boys against strong opposition. A keenly contested first half saw the boys trail by 7-0 at half time but the smaller squad due to injuries led to the boys running out of steam in the second half.

## Netball news

### Year 8- DMC

**Date:** 14/03/17

**Opposition:** District Tournament

**Final Position:** Third

**Results:**

v Francis Combe - W 9-1

v Queens - L 4-6

v Immanuel - W 8-2

v Reach Free - W 8-1

v Rickmansworth - D 5-5

v St.Michaels - W 17-2

**Team:** B Patel , J Benveniste, S Narrowway, A Elman, A Hutchison, E Rowe, G Brass, L Roberts, M Hayes

**Comment:** The girls played really well in all games, showing fantastic interception skills, accurate passing and great teamwork. The girls were only 4 points from the winners. They were a credit to the school as always.

**Players of the tournament:** J Benveniste / G Brass for excellent interceptions.

Massive thanks to **Victoria Woolmer** and **Vicky Pratt** (yr11) for all their help with the running of the tournament. Thanks also to Mrs Cooper who organised and ran the whole tournament.



## Girls Basketball

### Year 7/8 - AT

**Date:** 16/03/2017

**Opposition:** Queens

**Result:** 14 - 4

**Team:** L Roberts, M Hayes, B Lyall, C Wright, G De Venny, I Henry, S Parkhouse, E Zambarloukus, N Shestha, E Cannon

**Comment:** The girls played their best game so far. They were benefitted by the experience of Mr Hawkins who had set up some formations before the game. The girls implemented this to a great standard. They worked hard up and down the court, their shooting let them down. The girls played a lot better than the scoreline suggests and even outscored their opposition in the last quarter. Well done girls!

**Player of match:** B Lyall

## Athletics News

**Congratulations to Charlie(08Elm) and Joe(07Oak)** for finishing 1st and 3rd respectively in the Watford Junior Challenge. The event run by Watford Harriers took place last Saturday, 18 March, in Cassiobury Park. The race saw almost 100 athletes competing from all over the area over the 2.5K course and it was fantastic to see Bushey Meads students leading the way.

Well done to all the other students who also took part.



# GYMNASTICS – Watford District Gymnastics Competition

*Mrs Cartledge, Teacher of PE*

On Friday 17th March 20 girls ranging from Years 7-11 took part in the Watford Schools Gymnastics Competition. The competition was divided into 3 categories. Level 1 was a beginners' level, Level 2 was for the more experienced gymnast and Level 3 was for the gymnast who competes at regional level. Some of the schools attending included Haberdasher's, Watford Girls and St Clement Danes. All competitors had to perform a floor routine and 2 vaults. The event took place at the Dolphina Gymnastics Centre in Watford and gave the students the opportunity to participate at a top facility. The girls all performed fantastically well and were a credit to the school.

Special mention must go to Team 2 in the level 2 competition for achieving silver overall. Well done to **CJ Lea, Sophie Ward and Nicole Redmond**. During the presentation artistry awards were given out for grace, musicality and control.

**Megan Sjollema** was awarded one in Level 1 and **Anouska Barrett** was awarded one for best artistic gymnast of the whole competition. **Vera Kutten** was also awarded a dynamics award. Outstanding performers of the day were **Zoe Picksley** who came first in the individual competition and **Anouska Barrett who was 2nd**.

**The overall positions for all teams were as follows:**

## Level 1

### **Team 1- Position - 6th**

Katie Smith  
Emma Smith  
Vera Kutten

### **Team 2- Position 4th**

Leona Sedman  
Kanishka Gunasegaran  
Megan Sjollema

### **Team 3- Position -5th**

Louisa Wright  
Riya Kulkarni  
Betty Coste

## Level 2

### **Team 1 Position- 7th**

Alice Alefounder  
Olivia McManus  
Madeline Alefounder

### **Team 2 Position- 2nd (Silver)**

CJ lea  
Sophie Ward  
Nicole Redmond

### **Team 3 Position - 4th**

Franchesca Boselli  
Anna Finley  
Zuva Makoni

### **Club Level**

Zoe Picksley- 1st individual (Gold)  
Anouska Barrett- 2nd individual (Silver)

Thanks to Mrs Maloney and Mrs Cooper for their help on the day and finally a massive thanks to all the girls for their commitment to this competition. They have put in endless hours of practice after school. Their behaviour was superb on the day and they should be proud of their achievements.

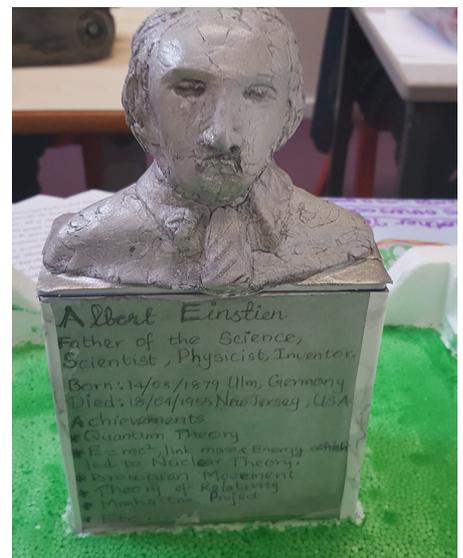




As part of their Year 8 curriculum learning, these students are learning about inspirational people, namely Jesus. To extend their learning and to make them think about the different people who inspire them every day in their lives, I asked them to produce a fourth plinth (at Trafalgar Square), of someone who inspires them to do better in their lives.

As you can see from these pictures, the Year 8s pulled out all the stops to say how and why these different people - alive or dead - have inspired them.

I was truly impressed with their hard work so wanted to share just a few examples of their work with you all. Well done Year 8 Religious Studies!



*Miss Walters – Head of Religious Studies*

