

DEVELOPING GREAT TEACHING



Fazana Farook, Lead Practitioner: KS2-3 English

The Teaching & Learning team are excited to be launching Bushey Meads School's next phase of embedding excellent teaching practice through the use of innovative technology. A group of 10 teachers across the school are trialling the use of 'Swivl', a high quality robotic motion recorder.

The recording device 'tracks' and records the teacher (who wears a motion sensor and microphone during the lesson) which enables the lesson to be videoed with high-quality sound and image to be watched back by the classroom teacher at a later date.



The aim of this new CPD is to encourage staff to be reflective about their own teaching practice, enabling them to identify their own individual strengths and targets and to continue developing their teaching skills.

The trial has been very positively received, with Ms Walters, Head of RE, describing it as a "definite must for all staff to use; it's a great tool for self-reflection that will enable to me to make adjustments in my teaching."

We're looking forward to more members of staff trialling the equipment as the school continues on its journey towards embedding excellent teaching across the school.

What's On

Fri 5 – Sat 6 May
Y9 DoE Bronze Award
Expedition (Phasels Woods)

Sat 6 May
British Schools' Karting
Championship
(Buckmore Park Circuit)

Monday 8 May
Y11 GCSE Drama
Performances (1800-2000)

Tuesday 9 May
Y9/10/11 Drama Trip – 'The
Curious Incident of the Dog
in the Night-Time'
(1715 – 2300)

PASTORAL NOTICES

Study Saturdays for Y11/12/13: 10am – 2pm, every Saturday in the LRC until half term.

KS3 & KS4

School uniform: length of skirts. Please note that the rules on uniform posted on the school website states: The skirt must be no shorter than 5 cm above the knee and must not be tight fitting. Students who do not have the correct uniform will be sanctioned in line with the behaviour policy and parents will be contacted to rectify the infringement.

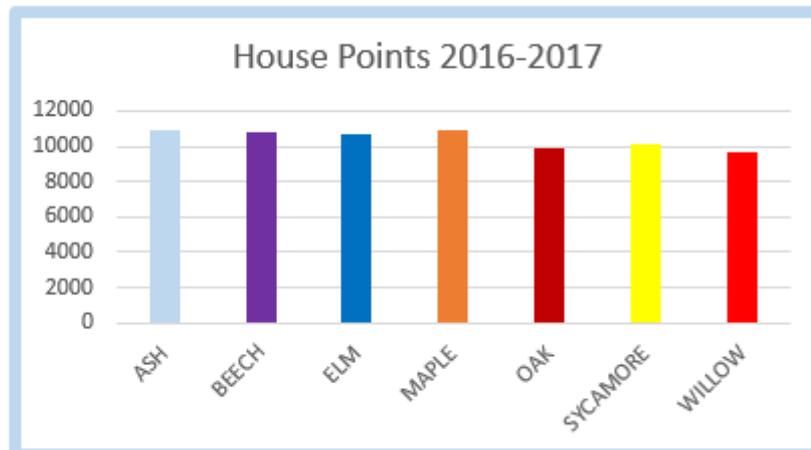
School Uniform surplus to requirements: if anyone has items of uniform no longer required (ie too small) we would be very grateful for donations. Just ask your child to bring the item(s) to the student window – do make sure name labels have been removed, or you might end up with the item returned to you via the lost property process! Parents of Y11 students who do not have younger siblings at the school may like to donate their child's uniform at the end of this term?

KS5

A reminder for KS5 parents: if your child is absent from school for any reason please ensure you have informed the sixth form team by 8:30 on the day of the absence.

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

ASH	10959
MAPLE	10920
BEECH	10804
ELM	10666
SYCAMORE	10098
OAK	9897
WILLOW	9662



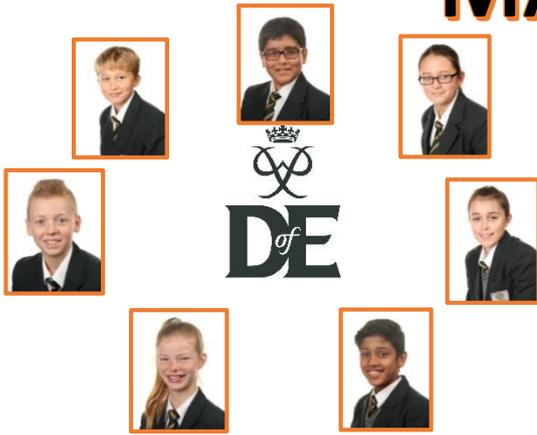
STAFF VACANCIES AT BUSHEY MEADS SCHOOL

We are currently advertising for the following staff position:

SENCo – to work across the Bushey St James Trust

Further information can be found on the school website under 'Vacancies'. Alternatively, please contact the HR office on 020 8955 9933 or email: vacancies@busheymeads.org.uk

MAPLE HOUSE



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

I would like to congratulate Nathan Angold, Pallav Hingu, Ross Marsh, Kara McMahon, Lucy Newman, Pavit Sangasinha & Elise Swain on being selected to take part in this year's 'D of E' bronze award.

Over the course of the expedition weekends these students will have to apply outdoor skills in order to complete tasks including cooking, navigation and tent construction.

We wish you all the best of luck and we are sure you will do Maple house proud! **#MFTW**

HOUSE MUSIC

The annual competition sees the houses compete in several different categories where they are judged not only on their performances but their song choices.

As the defending champions, our performers in Maple house will be looking to further our success and lift the trophy for 'overall winners' a second year in a row. Our team this year is as follows...

- **Theme** – 7 Deadly Sins
- **Junior soloist (Performing 'I want it now')** – Crystal Haxhia
- **Senior soloist (Performing 'Gimmie gimmie gimmie')** – Holly White
- **Ensemble (Performing 'Jealous Guy')** – Vera Kutten, Rhea Ponugubati, Toby Stephens, Andrea Tamang, Aleya Temiz, Lia Flanagan, Crystal Haxhia, Jake Norris-Ataie, Simran
- Vagadia, Elise Swain, Holly White.



*Overall winners
2016 Maple
House!*

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 – Irvine Tannor

Year 9 – Kara McMahon

Year 10 – Ellis Brown

Year 11 – Claudia Baldry

Year 12 – Eliana Hanton

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

THINKING OF THE CONSEQUENCES

As head of house I regularly run reports that allow me to speak to students regarding their individual contributions to the house. Sometimes it is to thank them for all their dedication and hard work. Other times it is to discuss ways in which improvements may be made.

This week, out of curiosity, I ran a consequence points total for all of the houses. Naturally I was interested in seeing where Maple stood in comparison to the others.

What I found was that our house was right at the bottom of the table and I couldn't help but smile.

Maple house has accumulated the least amount of consequence points out of all the houses since the school year started. Now there is always room for improvement and consequence points in general are something we wish to avoid altogether.

However, mistakes will be made and at times we do forget ourselves but in terms of moving in the right direction I am very proud to say that we are comfortably winning the race.

Word of the Week (WOW)

Ms Bowe, Lead Practitioner – English & Whole School Literacy



Word of the Week

Pronounce it: *Vak-yew-mm*

3.5.17

noun

mid 16th century: modern Latin, neuter of Latin *vacuus* 'empty'.



Vacuum

Definition

- an empty area or space;
- the absence of matter/a place devoid of matter;
- an electrical home appliance that cleans by use of suction

You will very likely have a vacuum at home. A humble household appliance named after a principle of physics, the vacuum is a device for sucking up dirt off the ground. It works by creating a vacuum; it sucks all the air out of a particular place so that the surrounding atmospheric pressure will flood in, taking with it all the food crumbs, dog hair, fluff, etc.

A vacuum is also a great lack of something; a place where virtually all matter, even air, has been removed. It can describe something that's literally empty, or something that just seems that way, like a political vacuum.

Sentence examples:

- A pump was used to create a vacuum inside the bottle.
- The Prime Minister was warned her sudden resignation would create a power vacuum.

Use it instead of:
emptiness, void, gap, space, absence, blank, deficiency.

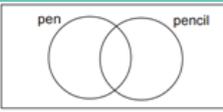
Challenge: use this word in a conversation, or piece of writing this week.

Maths Challenge of the Week

Mr Akram - Lead Practitioner for Maths

2017
Maths Challenge 1 2

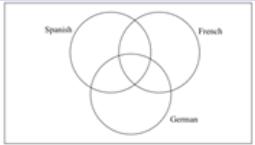
Maths Challenge
Level 1



In a class of 25 students,
19 have a pen
16 have a pencil
3 have neither
Put this information into the Venn diagram.

12thirucumarany@bushey.meads.org.uk

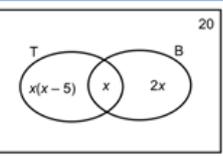
Maths Challenge Level 2



There are 31 student who study languages.
All 31 study at least one of Spanish, French or German.
4 study all three languages.
9 study Spanish and French.
7 study French and German.
6 study Spanish and German.
7 study only French and 9 study only German.
Complete the Venn diagram to show this information.

12kanesamoorthys@bushey.meads.org.uk

Maths Challenge Level 3



E = 100 stamps
T = stamps from the 20th century
B = British stamps
A stamp is chosen at random.
It is British.
Work out the probability that it is from the 20th century.

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.

Scientist of the Week

Miss Martindale, Teacher of Science

Nominated
by Miss
Martindale

Otto von Guericke



Otto von Guericke was a German scientist and inventor in the 17th Century. He is credited with creating the first vacuum pump and the Magdeburg Hemispheres. He was key in establishing the vacuum physics and has made it much easier for Physicists now to investigate space. He also investigated electrostatic forces.



What are the Magdeburg Hemispheres?

Got the answer, or want to nominate a scientist? E-mail
martindalee@bushey.meads.org.uk



Positive friendships to last a lifetime!

This week's theme of the week was Positive Friendships - a very important topic for students to explore. Assemblies led by Miss

Dhanecha focused on the positive impact that the people you surround yourself with can have on your successes and enrich your life. Qualities that make a good friend were discussed and students were given the opportunity to reflect on the type of friend they want in their lives and the type of friend they should be.

This concept was reinforced during the tutor time activity where students looked in more detail at the type of friend they are and were given an activity to create a poster advising our new year seven students how to build positive friendships. The form with the best poster will win a prize, so watch this space!



Mr Malik, Assistant Pastoral Manager



Y10 BUSINESS STUDIES & ECONOMICS STUDENT COMBINES HIS LOVE OF FOOTBALL WITH HIS JOURNALISM & ENTERPRISE SKILLS

James Dodwell (10Beech)

Two years ago my passion for sports journalism was born! Since then I have gathered an audience of over 1000 people who regularly read my articles on Watford Football Club which I post on my website: horneteffect.com.

As my following increased I saw an opportunity to widen my readership by producing my first issue of a fanzine series magazine which sold out within 23 minutes outside WFC shop prior to a match – 125 copies! So I am now in the process of publishing the second issue which I am planning to issue on the last day of the season. I have five friends who submit articles to me on a weekly basis and I have secured interviews with individuals such as former Watford Head Coach, Dean Austin, who led the first team during Watford's promotion season.

My long term goal is to expand into a business and I'm already keeping an eye out for possible office space in the Watford area for the future.

Please do log onto my website at horneteffect.com and follow me on twitter.com/horneteffect A sample copy of my fanzine is available to read at Reception. If you would like to order a copy just log onto my website!



THE NATIONAL CITIZENS SERVICE (NCS)

Miss Dhanecha, Pastoral Manager

Back in February, Miss Dhanecha organised a representative from the National Citizen's Service (NCS) to present an assembly to Year 11 about their summer initiatives. NCS is a prestigious organisation that coordinates exhilarating challenges over the summer period, teaches some valuable life skills and is recommended for students by UCAS and some high profile employers.

Due to a high level of interest by our students, NCS representatives will be coming to our school again on Wednesday 10th May and spending lunchtime in the LRC to speak with any students who are interested in signing up or want further information. This will be during the designated open revision time for Year 11 students only.

It is with great pleasure to announce that Bushey Meads School is currently at Bronze level for champion status with NCS, which makes us a flagship organisation for the initiative. We are the only school in Hertsmere to reach champion status so far due to the high level of engagement from our Year 11 students. It would be great to aspire to achieve Silver or Gold level and for that we need some more students to sign up to the initiative as follows:

- **Gold** 65 + sign ups
- **Silver** 50+ sign ups
- **Bronze** 40+ sign ups

For more information on this fantastic opportunity of a lifetime please visit: <http://www.ncsyas.co.uk>
I look forward to receiving further updates from NCS Hertsmere's league table!

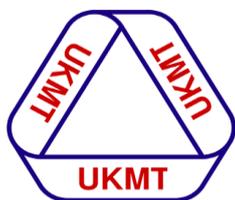


STAFF VACANCIES AT LITTLE REDDINGS SCHOOL

Little Reddings is advertising for the following staff positions:

Teaching Assistant
1-2-1 Behavioural Support Assistant
Admin Assistant

Further information can be found on their school website: www.littlereddings.herts.sch.uk
under 'Vacancies', or you can phone the main office on 020 8950 5388.



JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE UK MATHS CHALLENGES

(Mr Patel and Mr Kasza)



Well done to all Year 7 and 8 students who participated in the prestigious UK Maths Junior Challenge that took place last Thursday, 27th April 2017. The challenge is run by the UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT), which is a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in Mathematics. The UKMT organises national Mathematics competitions and other Mathematical enrichment activities for 11-18 year old UK school pupils.



They were established in 1996 and last year had over 600,000 pupils from 4,000 schools across the country taking part in the UK's biggest national Maths competition. Students that score high marks will qualify for the subsequent rounds and could potentially represent the UK in the International Mathematical Olympiad.

The style of questions in the test have been designed to challenge and stretch students' mathematical thinking and ability and to think out of the box to solve a variety of problems - essential skills for success in all of our STEM subjects and future STEM related careers. Well done to all of you budding mathematicians in Year 7 and 8. Fingers crossed for the results, which are due back in three weeks.

Back in February a selection of top students from Year 10 participated in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. This consists of a one-hour multiple choice paper of interesting questions designed to inspire and test problem solving skills. To obtain a certificate students must have a sound grasp of mathematical concepts and be able to think outside the box in order to solve unfamiliar problems, which are also valuable skills for success in STEM subjects and STEM related careers.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved certificates, (and to Kieran for achieving the highest score – no doubt he will be going for Gold in Year 11!):

Kieran	Branigan	66	silver
Sadiq	Kazmi	65	silver
Thuvaragan	Sritharan	64	silver
Jack	Fordham	62	silver
Rafi	Izhar	61	silver
Shrey	Shah	58	bronze
Rebecca	Ward	53	bronze
Samantha	Chang	52	bronze
Akshay	Bathia	52	bronze
Anouska	Barrett	51	bronze
Ragavi	Aravindan	50	bronze
Ami	Thakker	50	bronze
Mercyha	Veluppillai	49	bronze
Sam	Freeman	48	bronze
Ashvina	Trivedi	48	bronze



More information, including past papers and solutions can be found at www.ukmt.org.uk

GCSE GEOGRAPHY FIELD WORK: Dorset 2017

The new GCSE exam specification for geography requires students to take part in two off-site field work investigations.

We are lucky in that we are able to make the first of these a residential trip. For three sunny days, at the start of the summer term, 45 Bushey Meads Y10s carried out both human and physical geography fieldwork.

We were comparing characteristics of the sheltered coastline at Lulworth Cove with the exposed coastline at Chesil Beach.

As 'a picture says 1000 words' we have put together some of the best images to demonstrate how focused and hard working the students were (and how lucky we were with the weather!) Thank you to all of the staff and students involved.

Miss Skevington, Teacher of Geography



Year 11 Drama Lesson



The Y11s are busy rehearsing for their final drama performance - and I was privileged to see them in action in Mr Futerill's lesson on Wednesday morning.



There was an overwhelming feeling of teamwork and collaboration in the room. Everyone was engaged and focussed on the end goal.



We have a wonderful team of Teaching Assistants and Miss Cutts was a shining example in this lesson. She delivered a fun warm-up activity, then provided engaging and bespoke feedback that lifted the progress of all involved.

I am excited to be able to see the showcase performance in the drama studio which takes place on Monday evening, in the Drama Studio, commencing at 6.00pm. All welcome to come along!

Mrs Wright, Assistant Headteacher



PE and Health Faculty News

Mr Cartledge, Head of PE & Health

Athletics

HERTS COUNTY LEAGUE

The summer extra-curricular competitive sports programme began in earnest last week with the first County League Athletics match of the season. Athletics in Hertfordshire continues to be one of the strongest areas in the country with over 50 schools competing in the County League. Over the summer the Junior and Senior Boys and Girls teams will compete in 6 matches at local athletics tracks.

Match 1 took place at the Woodside Athletics Stadium against Habs Boys and Girls, Rickmansworth, St Joan of Arc and Bushey Academy. The cold conditions made for a tough evening of athletics but as ever the BMS students showed great attitude and effort across the range of events. We had four individual event winners on the night with the Senior Boys and Girls teams and Junior Girls team coming a very pleasing 2nd overall with the Senior Girls team in a promising 3rd - a fantastic achievement.

We will be closely following the team's fortunes over the next few weeks and also encouraging all of our competitors to try and improve on their personal best performances throughout the season. Well done to all those that took part and a special mention to the following students who finished in the top three in their specific events:

SENIOR BOYS Overall match position : 2nd - 46 points B Faulkner - 2nd Hurdles and 2nd Triple Jump A Angold - 2nd 400m M Benveniste - 3rd 800 J Manning - 2nd 1500m Relay - 3rd J Smith - 1st High Jump Y Qarib - 2nd Shot J Fordham - 2nd Discus H Stewart - 2nd Javelin	JUNIOR BOYS Overall match position : 2nd - 46 points T Oyedeji - 2nd 200m and 2nd Discus A Doody - 2nd 300m C Mainwaring - 3rd 1500m N Witthun - 2nd Hurdles Relay - 2nd T Phillips - 1st Long Jump T Bees - 2nd Triple Jump J Marsh - 2nd High Jump T Vieru - 2nd Pole vault
SENIOR GIRLS Overall match position : 3rd - 31 points S Ashby - 3rd 300m A de Alwis - 3rd Hurdles Relay - 3rd M Sjollema - 3rd Long Jump S Melsome - 3rd Triple Jump K Williams - 1st Discus	JUNIOR GIRLS Overall match position : 2nd - 37 points C Jones - 3rd 200m J Benveniste - 1st 1500m G Brass - 3rd Hurdles Relay - 3rd V Fordham - 2nd Long Jump I Hart - 1st High Jump E Jackson - 2nd Shot S Narroway - 2nd Javelin

Girls Rounders

Year 9- SJC

Date: 25/05/17

Opposition: St.Margarets

Results: Lost

Team: A.Wells-Harbin, K.Williams, C.Lightfoot, A.andrews, K.Pabari, L.Khan, N.Sriharan, A.Sindhi, V.Mishra

Comment: The girls played really well in what was a tough first match. St.Margarets had the better of both innings and Bushey were unable to better their batting prowess. The girls' attitude and positivity was a credit. Thanks to Miss York for supporting at the fixture.

Year 10- SJC

Date: 25/05/17

Opposition: St.Margarets

Results: Won 11-5

Team: A.Parker, AD'Alwis, R.Aravindan, A.Trivedi, A.Barrett, G.sargeant, M.Bonyadi, M.Shah, R.Kulkarni, A.Rashid

Comment: This was a great start to the season for the year 10 team. Having failed to beat St.Margaret's in previous years the girls showed determination and commitment, especially in their fielding, to secure what was in the end a convincing victory.

Player of match: Megan Shah for some fantastic hitting.

Cricket

Year 10 Cricket v St Columbas (Premier League)

Date : Tues 25th April 2017

Score : BMS (98 for 2 in 15 overs) St Columbas (94 for 6 in 15 overs)

Result : BMS win by 4 runs

Bowling : F Patel 1 for 9, A Sureshkumar 2 for 8, V Kerai 2 for 17, D Patel 0 for 33, S Kazmi 1 for 19, B Faulkner 0 for 7

Batting : F Patel 50 not out, A Bathia 23 not out

Team : F Patel, D Patel, A Sureshkumar, V Kerai, A Bathia, K Nanthasuthan, T Sritharan, B Francis, J Jeyananthan, B Faulkner, A Rajani, S Kazmi

Comment : After winning Division 1 last year the boys played their first game in the District Premier League. On a bitterly cold evening a superb 50 not out by Ferin Patel supported by an excellent effort by Akshay Bathia with 23no gave the boys a very positive total of 98. An excellent first over by Vinal Kerai taking the key opposition wicket set the platform for a very pleasing bowling display from the boys. A tense final over saw a fantastic run out from Sadiq Kazmi to give the boys a brilliant first win. Well done to the whole squad.

Year 9 Cricket v Westfield (Division 1)

Date : Tues 25th April 2017

Score : BMS (83 for 4 in 13.5 overs) Westfield (82 for 6 in 15 overs)

Result : BMS wins by 1 run / 6 wickets)

Bowling : B Garvey 2 for 3, V Christian 1 for 17, R Pearce 0 for 4, P Sangasinha 0 for 18, H Ali 1 for 19, P Hingu 0 for 1

Batting : V Christian 19 (not out) Pavit 13 (not out)

Team : R Pearce, V Christian, L Reid, P Hingu, B Garvey, A Uthayakumar, Y Gohil, P Sangasinha, A Shrestha, J Kimber, H Ali

Comment : An excellent response from the Year 9 team who had lost to Westfield in the previous year. V Christian and P Sangasinha formed a good partnership and battled well to win the game for the team. A good performance to start the cricket season.

SUMMER SPORTS CLUBS - there's something here for everyone!

Athletics Practice: Lunchtimes and after school: check message board for details of which events and times.

Watford Harriers Athletics: Tuesdays, 3.10 - 4.25pm. All welcome, just bring kit and meet in the gym.

Basketball (Herts Warriors): Fridays, 3.10 – 4.25pm. All welcome, meet in the Sports Hall with kit.

Ladies Football (Arsenal): Training Thurs lunchtimes. All girls welcome, training on the astro.

Rounders: Girls, practice sessions – Mondays after school: Y9, 10, 11 Snr, Thurs after school – Y7 & 8. Girls from all year groups can come along to general session on Wed lunchtimes.

Tennis Club: Monday lunchtimes and Wednesday after school on the Astro.

Trampolining Club: practice on Mondays, 3.15 – 4.15pm

Zumba Club: Thursdays after school. Meet in the Gym. ALL welcome.

The House Teams present
BMS House Music Competition



Tuesday 23rd of May

3:30pm

Tickets £1

Come and support your House!