

Staff v students

Mrs Cooper, 2nd in Faculty – PE & Health

The final competitive PE fixture of the academic year took place on Wednesday lunchtime - the annual female student v female staff rounders match.

In less than favourable weather conditions a mix of year 10 and year 7 students began the match fielding after winning the toss. With professional umpire, Mr.Tocknell, stepping up to keep an eye on proceedings the game began....

There was lots of laughter, lots of cagey running around bases, a few good rounders and some interesting fielding techniques. The students took an early lead into the second innings and sadly the staff team could not overturn the deficit....

Revenge for the students, after defeat last year, with a 7 - 3.5 victory.

Looking forward to next year's game already.....



Students:

A.Parker, G.Bryant, A.Barrett,
A.Trivedi, M.Shah, M.Bonyadi,
G.Sargent, G.DeVenney, L.Kirby



Staff:

A.Bartholomew, A.Walters,
M.Broom, O.Skevington,
N.Lindau, H.Booth, S.Cooper,
K.Hoskins, C.Hayward,
M.Razavi, E.Knight

Official: Mr A Tocknell

Supporters: Mr Newbold and Miss Zatko



Returning to school arrangements

Mon 4 Sept:

Y7 - Induction Day

Y11 – 15mins

appointments

Y12/13 - registration

Tues 5 Sept:

Y7 - Y11 commence at 0840

Y12/13 Induction Day

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

KEY STAGE 3



TOBY (07Willow)

Kavya has been chosen from KS3 this final week of term for his continued commitment to helping in a variety of school events. Kavya is a valued member of the year group and we wish him well in Year 8.

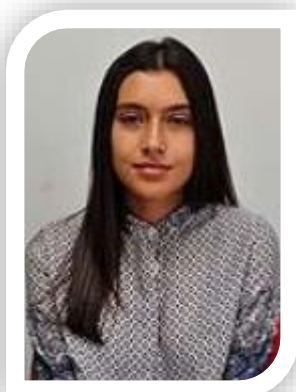
KEY STAGE 4



ELEANOR (10Elm)

Eleanor has been chosen for being an exemplary student throughout this academic year. Eleanor has not only been an exceptional student with regards to her studies, attaining 6 and 7 in all of her ATL scores, having excellent attendance and achieving in excess of 250 achievement points, she has also gifted the BMS community with some of the best ever drama performances witnessed, particularly in our latest production of Othello where she played the lead. Eleanor is a kind, caring, conscientious student who does her best every day and enriches the lives of many others at BMS. I am extremely proud of her and wish her all the best for Year 11. Well done Eleanor!

KEY STAGE 5




TAYLA-EVE (12Sycamore)

Last week Tayla-Eve took part in her work experience at Ashfield Primary School, delivering sport and PE to the younger students. The whole experience has strengthened Tayla-Eve's resolve to continue her education into, and to work within the sporting arena. We look forward to seeing Tayla-Eve back next year as a member of Year 13, studying PE, English, Sociology and Media.


Word of the Week (WOW)


Ms Bowe - Lead Practitioner – English & Whole School Literacy



Word of the Week 17.7.17

Old French *elacion* "elation, conceit, arrogance, vanity", from Latin *elationem*





Pronounce it: ee-lay-shun

Noun

Definition
-great happiness and exhilaration.

If you experience sudden very high spirits, possibly even a feeling of lightness, you are feeling great elation.
Elation is more than mere happiness — it is extreme, exhilarating joy. It has a sense of rising or expanding, even to the point of light-headedness. To help remember it, think of the (unrelated) word *inflation*, which has a similar sound. When you inflate a tire, you pump it up. When you are filled with elation, you are also, in a sense, "pumped up."

Sentence example:
 -They were all elated with the joy of it being the end of term!
 -He felt sheer elation reading his exam results!

Use it instead of:
Happiness, exhilaration, joy, delight, glee, bliss.

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 22

Maths Challenge Level 1

$$\frac{x^2 + 5}{w} = y$$

Make x the subject of this equation.




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Maths Challenge Level 2

Y is directly proportional to x^2 .
 When $x = 3$, then $y = 36$.
 a) Express y in terms of x


Z is inversely proportional to x.
 When $z = 4$, $x = 2$.
 b) Show that $z = cy^3$
 When c and n are numbers and $cy = 0$. You must find the values of c and n.



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Maths Challenge Level 3

A curve, defined for $x \geq 0$, has equation $y = x^2 - \sqrt{x}$.
 (i) Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$
 (ii) Find the equation of the tangent to the curve at the point where $x = 4$, giving your answer in the form $y = mx + c$.



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When you have completed any of the challenges, email the addresses below or to Mr Akram (akram@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 Mrs Razavi

Robert Goddard



Dr Robert Goddard (1882-1945) is considered to be father of modern rocket propulsion. Goddard today is known for his research and experiments with liquid-fuelled rockets, but during his lifetime his ideas were often rejected by his peers who thought they were impossible. It's difficult to say what's impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and reality of tomorrow.



How many missions have landed on the moon?

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

PASTORAL NOTICES

STUDENTS RETURN FOR THE AUTUMN TERM AS FOLLOWS:

Mon 4 Sept:

Y7 - Induction Day

Y11 – 15mins appointments

Y12/13 - registration

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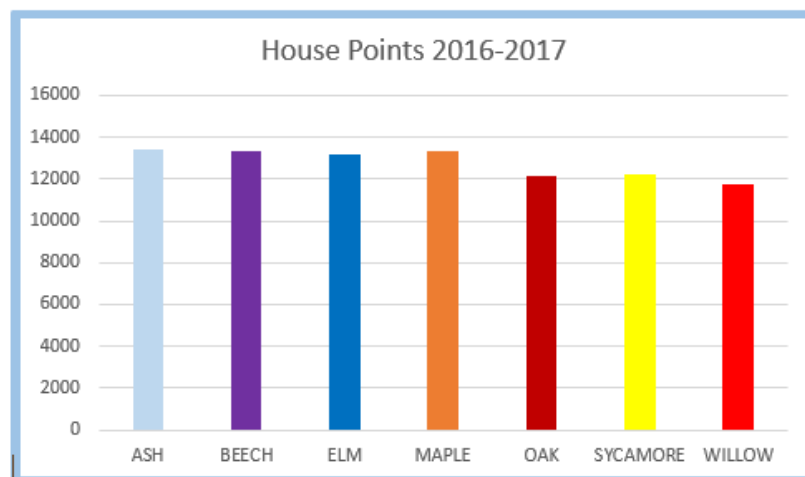
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Y12/13 Induction Day

Uniform Donations

As we approach the end of term we would appreciate any donations of unwanted uniform (particularly SCHOOL TIES and BLAZERS from those students who are leaving Y11). Could any parents and carers willing to donate uniform deliver items to the Pastoral Office. Thank you.

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE



ASH	13445
MAPLE	13362
BEECH	13322
ELM	13144
SYCAMORE	12266
OAK	12150
WILLOW	11729

And the winner is:

ASH HOUSE!

With Maple a close second and Beech in third place. Well done to everyone who contributed to their House this year, it all starts again in September!

Mullanys Coaches		Bushey Meads School Bus Service		2017 - 2018
BM1	Eastbury Road – South Oxhey – Little Oxhey Lane – Carpenders Park – Rushe Meadows	www.mullanyscoaches.com		
Eastbury Road, Deacons Hill, Post Office, Prestwick Road, Hayling Road, Gosforth Lane, Oxhey Drive, Little Oxhey Lane, Narrau Way, Delta Gain, By The Wood, Oxhey Lane, Pinner Road, London Road, Millbrook Road, Coldharbour Lane		Fares and Season Prices		
Schooldays Only: from 1 September 2017 TO SCHOOL		PASSES ONLY - NO DAILY FARES		
Eastbury Road, Deacons Hill	07:30	Season Passes are available to buy online or on application to Mullanys Coaches on 01923 279991.		
Eastbury Road, Post Office	07:32	Payment may be made by debit card or credit card (a 2.5% surcharge will be made)		
Prestwick Road, Hayling Road	07:34	Routes: BM1; BM2 AM/PM		
Hayling Road, Bramshot Way	07:37	Annual Pass: £715 £429		
Gosforth Lane, St Joseph's School	07:40	Full Autumn Term: £275 £165		
Oxhey Drive, Muirfield Road	07:43	First Half Autumn Term: £145 £87		
Prestwick Road, Heysham Drive	07:46	Second Half Autumn Term: £145 £87		
Carpenders Park, Delta Gain	07:54	Full Spring Term: £255 £153		
Carpenders Park, By The Wood	07:57	First Half Spring Term: £125 £75		
Bushey Meads	08:20	Second Half Spring Term: £145 £87		
turn bus will depart 10 minutes after school finishes		Full Summer Term: £235 £141		
BM2	Harebreaks – Kingswood – Meriden – Tudor – North Bushey – Rushe Meadows	First Half Summer Term: £100 £60		
Harebreaks, Leggatts Way, A405, Sheepcot Lane, St Albans Road, Garston Lane, The Gossamers, Meriden Way, Woodman's Barn, Bushey Mill Lane, Kelsford Barn, Bulmer Road, Radwell Road, Bushey Mill Lane, Mill Way, Bushey Mill Lane, Little Bushey Lane, Coldharbour Lane		Second Half Summer: £145 £87		
Schooldays Only: from 1 September 2017 TO SCHOOL		You MUST apply AT LEAST ONE WEEK prior to the start of each term, or during school holidays. Numbers may be limited, and a late application may result in travel being refused if the bus is full.		
Harebreaks, Maude Crescent	07:33	Students who may be entitled to free school transport should contact Herts County Council. (0300 123 4043)		
Leggatts Way, Maytree Crescent	07:38	*This may be withdrawn due to high passenger number (please check on Friday PM)		
A405, opp Greenwood Drive	07:41	*Weekly Tickets are available on all routes.		
Sheepcot Lane, Severn way	07:44	These cost £25 for one weeks' travel		
Garston Parade, Garston Lane	07:47	Buy them from the driver on a Monday morning if the week is a short week due to inset day or Bank Holiday, then a weekly ticket will be charged at £4 per day pro-rata.		
Meriden Shops, The Gossamers	07:50	Sickness NOT included.		
Bushey Mill Lane, opp Tudor Arms	07:55	From Monday morning onwards, tickets are valid until the end of the following Friday week. If they are lost or not fully used, there is NO REFUND available.		
Mill Way, Park Avenue	08:00			
Park Avenue, Bushey Mill Lane	08:03			
Bushey Meads	08:20			
turn bus will depart 10 minutes after school finishes				
Buses will serve all Bus Stops along the route. Please be at the Bus Stop at least 5 minutes before the bus is due				

SULLIVAN BUSES – from Borehamwood

There are no changes to the current timetable apart from later afternoon buses being scheduled to come past the school one minute later and arrive in Borehamwood five minutes later because of growing traffic. Fares are unchanged. The Watford to Bushey route also remains unchanged.

Bus Fares to Bushey Meads School

Boarding Point	Child Single ⁺	Child Return ⁺	Child Weekly	Child 4-Weekly	Full sch year starting September
South & North Borehamwood	£2.00	£3.00	£13	£40	£350
Borehamwood Town Centre	£1.80	£2.70	£13	£40	£350
Elstree	£1.50	£2.00	£13	£40	£350
Elstree Road, Rosary Priory	£0.90	£1.30	–	–	–

⁺ A current valid Herts SaverCard (priced at £15) should be presented to obtain the Child Single and Return fares above.

Bus Fares to Bushey Meads School

The annual pass for £350 is valid seven days a week from the first day of the autumn term to the final day of the summer term and can be used throughout on Services 306, 398, B3 and on 823 as far as Queens' School. Like the annual pass, the Weekly and 4-Weekly tickets have the same service validity and may also be used at weekends and school holidays up to and including the ticket expiry date.

Single, return, weekly and 4-weekly tickets are available from the driver.

To purchase an annual ticket please visit www.sullivanbuses.com or our office in South Mimms.

A valid Herts SaverCard⁺ must be produced to obtain child single and return fares, otherwise adult fares are payable.

More Information?

Visit our website at www.sullivanbuses.com or call us on 01707 646803.

Service updates are available on Twitter [@Sullivanbuses](https://twitter.com/Sullivanbuses)

Borehamwood - Bushey Meads School

SCHOOLDAYS ONLY

from September 2017

SERVICE
823

Notes:	F	M-Th
Borehamwood, Balmoral Dr, Ripon Way (N) 0710	Bushey, Harcourt Road, Mostyn Road 1521 1606	
Borehamwood, Arundel Dr, Monkswood Gdns 0711	Bushey, Reddings Ave, opp Lt Reddings Sch 1523 1608	
Borehamwood, Manor Way, Kenilworth House 0713	Bushey, Chiltern Ave, Oundle Avenue 1526 1611	
Borehamwood, Studio Way, Gregson Close 0716	Bushey Heath, Elstree Rd, Rosary Priory 1530 1615	
Borehamwood, Cowley Hill, opp Hertswood Sch 0718	Elstree, High Street, The East PH 1536 1621	
Borehamwood, Stanborough Ave, Thirsk Road 0720	Borehamwood, Allum Ln, Elstree Hill Nth 1538 1623	
Borehamwood, Leeming Rd, Shops (S) 0724	B'wood, Shenley Rd, Glenhaven Ave, Stop D 1545 1630	
Borehamwood, Tesco, Stop A 0730	B'wood, Shenley Rd, opp Elstree Studios 1550 1635	
Elstree & Borehamwood Rly Stn, Stop B 0735	Borehamwood, Leeming Rd, Shops (N) 1554 1639	
Borehamwood, Allum Ln, Elstree Hill North 0738	B'wood, Stapleton Rd, opp Ayot Path 1557 1642	
Elstree, High Street, opp The East PH 0748	B'wood, Stanborough Ave, opp Thirsk Rd 1559 1644	
Bushey Heath, Elstree Rd, opp Rosary Priory 0752	Borehamwood, Cowley Hill, Hertswood Sch 1601 1646	
Bushey, Chiltern Ave, opp Oundle Avenue 0756	Borehamwood, Studio Way, Banks Road 1603 1648	
Bushey, Reddings Ave, for Bushey Meads Sch 0759	B'wood, Manor Way, opp Kenilworth House 1606 1651	
Bushey, Harcourt Road, opp Mostyn Road 0800	Borehamwood, Arundel Dr, Ripon Park 1608 1653	
	Borehamwood, Balmoral Dr, Ripon Way (S) 1610 1655	

NOTES: ➡ - Near Railway Station F - Fridays Only M-Th - Mondays to Thursdays Only

There are no changes to services or fares for September 2017.

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Borehamwood - Bushey Meads School

SCHOOLDAYS ONLY

from September 2017

SERVICE
306

Notes:	Notes:
Borehamwood, Grove Road, Brook Road 0603 0633 0648 0703 0723 0758	Bushey, Harcourt Road, Mostyn Road 1432 1502 1517 1539 1609 1639 1709 1739 1805 1832 1902
Borehamwood, Stapleton Rd, Stanboro' Ave 0607 0637 0652 0707 0727 0802	Bushey, Reddings Avenue, opp Lt Reddings Sch 1434 1504 1519 1541 1611 1641 1711 1741 1807 1834 1904
Borehamwood, Leeming Rd, Shops (S) 0614 0644 0659 0714 0734 0809	Elstree, High Street, The East PH 1443 1513 1528 1556 1626 1656 1726 1756 1820 1843 1913
Borehamwood, Tesco, Stop A 0620 0635 0650 0705 0720 0740 0815	Elstree & Borehamwood Rly Stn, Stop A 1448 1518 1538 1608 1638 1708 1738 1808 1828 1848 1917
Elstree & Borehamwood Rly Stn, Stop B 0623 0640 0655 0710 0725 0747 0822	Borehamwood, Tesco, Stop B 1455 1525 1545 1615 1645 1715 1745 1815 1835 1855 1920
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NOTES: ➡ - Near Railway Station

Service 306 provides a service every 30 minutes during the daytime between Borehamwood and Bushey, Reddings Avenue.

All bus stops are served along line of route - places listed in timetables above are timing points.

Arrangements for Collecting Exam Results

Years 11-13 will all be excited and anticipating the moment when they can open their results following their hard work this year.

Students can arrive at school at the times given below which will be followed by the distribution of the results:

Thursday 17th August: Main Hall

YEAR 13: Arrivals from 8:30am

Results distributed: 8:50am

YEAR 12: Arrivals from 9:30am

Results distributed: 9:45am

Thursday 24th August: Main Hall

YEAR 11: Arrivals from 9:00am
in the school restaurant

Results distributed: 9:30 from the Main Hall

Once year 11 students have received their results they will be invited to register for their Year 12 courses with a member of the Sixth Form Team. Further details will be given during the induction days on 11th and 12th July.

School Catering

Bushey Meads School are pleased to announce the appointment of our new caterers, Caterlink, who start on 1st September 2017. The appointment follows a rigorous selection process which involved, students, staff and Governors. For example, fifteen students from the Student Parliament met on Friday 14 July with Caterlink who had requested the meeting so they could find out what the students liked and disliked and what ideas they had for the future.

Lots of ideas were shared ranging from a wider selection of sandwiches and fruit to the possibility of smoothies. With the expansion of the existing restaurant and some exciting developments provided by Caterlink the student voice has been heard.

Caterlink are in over 1200 schools across the country and specialise in Education catering – the only sector in which they operate. As part of the launch, Caterlink have invested in an outside 'Pod' which will be based in the school grounds offering a grab and go service available to the whole school. Their investment also extends to a 6th Form Café serving a variety of snacks, sandwiches and hot and cold drinks, as well as the new and improved main kitchen, reducing queueing times across all outlets.

With the help of the School council, Caterlink will bring a fresh new menu design, new food concepts and innovations blended with high food quality standards.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank ABM Catering for their service to date and to congratulate Caterlink on winning the tender.

Fantastic English home learning

Mrs Ash, Assistant Headteacher



"Fair is foul, and foul is fair." (Act 1, Scene 1)

Students in Year 8 have been studying Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' this half term.

As part of a home learning project, Laura, who is in Mrs Connell's class, created a beautiful mask – one side representing Macbeth and the other side Lady Macbeth.



NQT's sharing best practice with the wider staff

Mrs Ash, Assistant Headteacher

Our Newly Qualified Teacher's (NQT's) have all completed a successful first year in teaching and presented some top tips they have discovered when visiting other schools to develop their practice further.

The top tips were delivered to the wider staff during a morning meeting to ensure all staff are able to learn from their findings. Here we see Mr Lester presenting his top tips from his recent visit to St. Clement Danes.



ART EXHIBITION AT BUSHEY MUSEUM



The Art Department has just finished its annual exhibition of all our students superb examination work.

This exhibition is moving to Bushey Museum through the school holidays so do call in to the museum in Rudolph Road, off Bushey High Street, during the course of the holidays.

There is some car parking at the back of the building or across the High Street in Kemp Place. The

museum is open Thursday – Sunday, 10am – 4pm.

Exhibits will be displayed both downstairs and in one of the galleries upstairs so make sure you visit both floors!

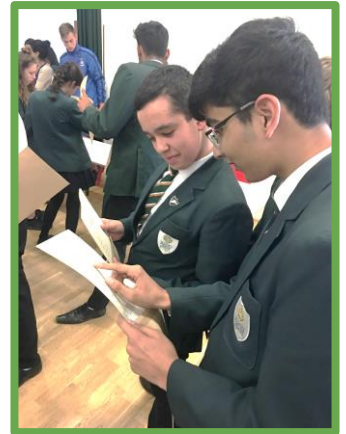
Year 10 PPE results afternoon

by Mrs Ash, Assistant Headteacher

On Wednesday 19th July Year 10 students gathered in the hall with their form tutors to receive their Pre-Public Examination (PPE) results.



This powerful moment in time gives the students a taste of what it will feel like in a year's time when they open their real GCSE results and it allows them time to make any changes moving forward in order to improve further.



Year 9 into 10 and Year 10 into 11 evening

On Wednesday evening we held two evening events for parents, carers and students who are currently in years 9 and 10 to talk through the next academic year. The students are either starting their GCSE courses or are now halfway through and it was a valuable opportunity to look ahead and plan for the future.



Mr Malik talked through the various support programmes in place and some current year 10 students gave their top tips for success.



Ms Court, Head of English Faculty, and Mr Akram, Lead Practitioner in Maths, also talked through the support offered in English and Maths throughout GCSE.

Year 8 Enrichment Day Visit to the RAF Museum, Hendon

Mr Newbold, Head of Humanities



On the recent Enrichment Day last Wednesday, Year 8 students visited the RAF Museum, Hendon. Some of the best visitor attractions are on our doorstep but whilst some students were enthusiastic returners, many were first time visitors.

Students had a great time exploring the displays and learning about aircraft which have been significant in our nation's history. Many also enjoyed the 4D theatre experience or trying out the various machines and devices to learn about various principles of flight.

When Year 8 return in September as Year 9 students they will be learning about the First World War in their History lessons and this visit also gave students the opportunity to see the rather flimsy looking aircraft of this era at the time the RAF was formed.



MFL STUDENTS USING THEIR LANGUAGES SKILLS

Well, following on from last week's coverage of the MFL trips to France and Spain the previous week, this week we have reports on the trips that were taking place last week – a very busy time for the modern foreign languages department! Do read all about it from the students' perspective. And of course, a big thank you to the students who have taken the time to write up these articles. *Mrs Tomalin, Head of MFL*

Year 8 Spanish trip

¡Hola! As you may know, forty Year 8's recently came back from their trip to Barcelona, Spain. I was one of them! Want to know what we did? Let me tell you about how much fun we had!

Day 1, Monday 10th July

We arrived at school very excited for our trip. The flight was very bumpy because of turbulence, but otherwise it was good. Upon arriving at Vilanova Park in the (boiling and humid) early evening, we unpacked in our spacious chalets, and headed down to the swimming pool and waterslides for a refreshing and cooling swim from the hot day. Later, for dinner we had a delicious *tortilla española*, salad and chicken. For dessert we celebrated Hafsah's birthday with a chocolate birthday cake!

Day 2, Tuesday 11th July

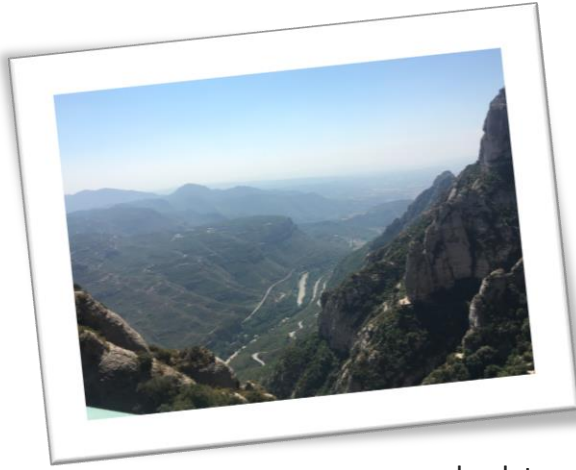
In the morning we went to the vivid Las Ramblas, and La Boqueria fruit market, where we all stocked up on delicious, fresh fruits and vegetables - the oranges were especially good. They were all bursting with colour! We learnt the names of many fruits in Spanish, for example, *maracuya* and *frambuesa*. Miss Craven was very enthusiastic about learning Spanish, so we taught her, and we think she made great progress! Then, after taking a leisurely walk down to Port Vell, we headed to Nou Camp where we did a tour (which included a visit to the locker rooms and the museum), then we sat in the legendary - and massive - stadium. Unfortunately Messi wasn't there! After that, we got into the coach to go to Sagrada Familia. We learnt a lot about it; For example, Antoni Gaudi (the architect) wanted to represent the life and death of Jesus, so the front of the cathedral is decorated with flowers, animals and detailed decorations, whereas the back is plain and sparsely decorated with only sad images. The east side of the cathedral (the side that the sun rises) has stained glass windows in cold colours to symbolise the sun rising, and the west side has warm colours to represent the sunset. Inside, Gaudi used nature as his inspiration, making his 52 pillars (one for each week of the year) look like trees, and he decorated the doors to the cathedral with ivy leaves and insects crawling around in them. Even the railings look like blades of grass. The cathedral should be finished by 2026, to mark the 100th anniversary of Gaudi's death. After visiting La Sagrada Familia we went back to the park to have another cooling swim and eat dinner. During dinner we had a quiz on what we had learned that day; about the cathedral, market vocabulary, and the stadium.

Day 3, Wednesday 12th July

We woke up bright and early to have a delicious breakfast of *churros con chocolate*, and drove for an hour all the way up into the mountains of Montserrat (meaning serrated mountain). Upon passing vineyards and olive trees we finally got to the winding roads of the mountain. The views were breathtaking; you could see the blue skies and trees for miles! We started our hike to the Cross of San Miguel, and by the end we were all so worn out and tired, but it was worth it.



This was our view!



¡Qué delicioso!

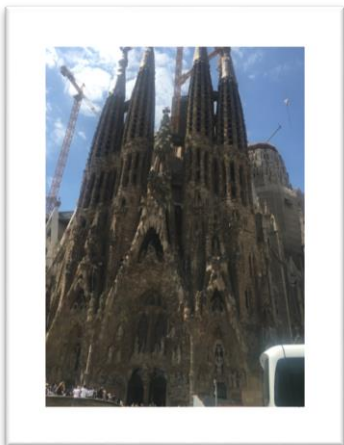
We hiked back down again (which was slightly easier), and went to a beautiful monastery, where we listened to a choir sing, and admired the colourful details on the brasswork and walls. Afterwards we went to the souvenir shop, and bought ice-creams. We also got clean water from a nearby spring (not everyone liked the taste of that!). Then we drove to the Torres vineyards where we learnt all about the complicated process of making wine, and what factors give it different characters - like the different types of oak from the barrels which it is aged in. We took a 'train' ride through the rolling vineyards, and tasted grape juice (not wine!). We then went back to our chalets, and went for yet another swim. Dinner was tapas.

Day 4, Thursday 14th July

We woke up later than usual, as we were spending the whole day at the Aqua Leon water park. After a continental breakfast with *Cola Cao* hot chocolate, we got going. The whole day was spent slipping and sliding down water slides, and screaming while going down some! It was very fun and thrilling; the teachers seemed to have a great time, too! At the end we all had an ice cream then returned to Vilanova. We then had a very Spanish dinner of dinner paella followed by a Latin American dance class; we learned how to dance the Merengue, Cha Cha, Mambo and the Salsa. It was so much fun and we were in fits of laughter from our terrible dancing! Then we had a quick awards ceremony, where Mrs Charles, Mr Chalkley, Miss Maloney and Miss Craven gave us prizes for things like 'best photography', 'best Spanish speaking', 'best dancer', 'tidiest rooms', 'quiz winner' and many more. After a long and exhausting day, we went back to our chalets to pack for our flight the next day.

Day 5, Friday 15th July

We woke up very early to catch our plane. At the airport we did some shopping, and then boarded. We were all both happy and sad to come back - the weather certainly wasn't the same!



Written by: Csenge Szabo
Photos by: Gabrielle Wickham

A trip to Geneva- by Luke Ging, Rachel Hauff and LaRaib Khan

Wednesday

I got to school at 4:15AM and waited for the coach to arrive, we left school to go to the airport at 4:45AM. The journey took roughly an hour and a half. We boarded the plane had to wait 20 minutes to get onto the runway, we took off around quarter to nine and landed at five to ten. We then collected our baggage and made our way to the hotel where we dropped our bags off then we headed to a shopping centre opposite the hotel to grab some lunch.

Shortly after, we left to go on our 3 hour tour of the city of Geneva. Our tour guide (Emily) gave us an extended tour of the city's history and culture. This included some of the sites and monuments such as the world renowned flower clock and the Jet d'eau, one of the city's famous landmarks. The tour was very interesting and the views were amazing, with the mountains all around us and the beautiful Lake Geneva.

After the detailed and informative guide we all enjoyed an ice cream before returning to our hotel rooms and settling in. After that we went into the city centre and found a pizzeria for dinner and the food was great, although a bit expensive. A long and tiring night finally ended with laughter as we went back to the hotel and had a few minutes to talk before we had to go to sleep at 11:00PM.

Thursday

We awoke at around 7:00am with a temperature of 28°C dramatically contrasting the weather in the United Kingdom. After a delicious continental breakfast, we went to a supermarket where we bought our lunch for later on. The first place we went to was the Red Cross museum, they had three main exhibits and they gave us a audio device and some headphones that explained the different sections of the museum. At the end of all the exhibits there was a section to do with preventing AIDS and in one of the rooms there was a pile of sweets and each sweet represented AIDS and it was to show how quickly and easily AIDS can spread.

After visiting the museum we made our way to the UN where we had a tour guide show us all the different conference rooms and tell us about each of them. I found it really interesting to learn about all the important meetings that take place in the rooms and how there is about 40 conferences every day, after the tour we made our way to the gift shop where I bought some souvenirs to bring back for me and my family. In my opinion the United Nations was my favourite part of the trip, because in this gargantuan building you were able to see the places in which important and perplexing conferences take place.

We then went to a nearby park where we sat down and had lunch before making our way to the final destination the natural science museum. This was a highlight for me because I loved walking around and taking pictures of all the different animals and reading about them. There was also a really cool section to do with rocks and material and the human evolution.

After going to all the museums we headed to a fancy restaurant for dinner where we had a traditional meal. The starter was cheese fondue or a salad, the main meal was sausages and fries or salmon for vegetarians and for dessert there was one scoop of caramel and one scoop of strawberry ice cream. While we were eating there was a band playing in the background, at one point one of the men started using spoons to make music while then other was playing some kind of guitar and also a coin going in circles around a bowl and lots of us got up to have a go at blowing the 'alphorn' that was the length of the stairs, even Miss Booth and Mrs Paddick plucked up the courage to have a go! I really enjoyed the meal and the band, after the meal we headed back to the hotel where we got ready for bed again and went to sleep.

Friday

We had to wake up half an hour earlier today because we had lots to do before we went back to England, we had breakfast at 7:00am and I had the same thing as the day before. The last day was definitely a chance to unwind and glance upon the activities and events we had done in Geneva. But firstly, we went to a place called CERN which is a huge European organisation for nuclear research, with up to 10,000 people working there. We had a lecture, which was quite complicated, and a tour around the facility. We learned about how the large hadron collider (LHC) works and how it is the world's largest and most powerful particle accelerator and we got to look at the parts used and how they functioned. We also had a look at their server room.

We then went to a massive shopping centre, we got lunch from a self-service restaurant then we were allowed some time to go around and get some souvenirs. We bought gifts for family and friends, as well as ourselves, with the remaining francs we possessed.

We then took a taxi boat across the huge Lake Geneva. This relaxing boat journey gave us a time to reflect on what we had done, while also taking in the beauty of Switzerland. We then departed from the lake to pick up our luggage waiting at the hotel. We collected our luggage and proceeded on to the airport. We boarded the plane at roughly 7:00pm and landed at around 7:20pm (UK time) we had to collect our bags and then wait for the coach that would take us back to school which was delayed due to traffic on the M25. After an amazing 3 days and a fabulous trip to Geneva, which I will never forget, we finally arrived back home. With a tired look on our faces, we thanked the teachers for the chance to experience this "holiday" as we were received back into the arms of our families.

And now for a French version

Un séjour à Genève

Le premier jour nous sommes arrivés à l'école à 4h45 le matin. Après un trajet en bus, il y avait le voyage en avion. Nous sommes finalement arrivés à Genève à 12h et nous avons mis nos sacs à l'hôtel. Alors, nous avons une excursion à pied de 3 à 4 heures autour de la ville. C'était très intéressant et assez informatif. Après, j'ai mangé une glace. J'ai adoré la glace, c'était très délicieux mais cher. J'étais crevé. Finalement nous sommes allés à nos chambres d'hôtel et avons dormi.



Le deuxième jour a commencé à 7h00 et nous avons pris le petit déjeuner. N'après, nous avons acheté la nourriture au supermarché (où j'ai temporairement perdu mon porte-monnaie). Puis nous sommes allés au musée de Croix-Rouge et l'ONU au Palais des Nations.. Je pensais que c'était agréable. . Je l'ai trouvé agréable. Après une visite le musée d'histoire naturelle, le soir nous avons mangé dans un restaurant suisse traditionnel qui s'appelle Edelweiss, où moi et quelques-uns de mes camarades de classe avons joué au alphorn. J'ai mangé des saucisses avec des frites. Ce n'est pas bon pour la santé. C'était très amusant et j'ai beaucoup appris sur une nouvelle culture.

Le jour final a commencé en nous réveillant à 6h00 alors nous pourrions visiter CERN, le centre de physique. Après une conférence qui était un peu ennuyeux, un tour long et une visite à la nouvelle exposition, nous sommes allés à un grand magasin où j'ai mangé de la pizza avec mes copains dans un restaurant. C'était très délicieux! J'ai acheté des cadeaux pour ma famille aussi.

Puis, nous sommes allés au lac et avons pris un petit bateau pour regarder le jet d'eau. J'ai vu Lake Geneva, c'était intéressant et amusant.

Finalement nous sommes retournés à l'hôtel et nous avons saisi nos sacs et sommes partis à l'aéroport. Après une 1 heure 15 minutes de vol, nous sommes rentrés en Angleterre et avons pris un bus à la maison - c'était la fin de notre merveilleux voyage à Genève.



Dans le futur je voudrais visiter encore tous les endroits que nous avons visité.

Par Marie Hofer-Tillyer, Ben Garrett, Michelene Esteban

CHINESE STUDENTS BAKING AT BMS!

Mrs Hanbury, Head of Food Technology

The technology department was so pleased to host 50 students from year 5 Little Reddings school and their Chinese exchange school, the first primary school of Zhan lan Road.



Half the 50 students spent a lesson with Mrs Hanbury, producing perfect traditional shortbread biscuits, while the other half were with Mr Joueid, teacher of technology, making food labels for the biscuits on the computer suite using a graphics program. T

The Chinese and Little Reddings students worked in pairs, ably assisted by most of Mr Chan's Chinese club who were very keen to practise their Chinese language skills.



Both sets of students really enjoyed the experience, especially the Chinese students as they do not have any food lessons included in their curriculum until they are going to University.

We wish the Chinese visitors a lovely time during the remainder of their visit to the UK.



Elstree Film Festival

Jasmin Bisset (12Elm)

On Wednesday 12 July I was lucky to accompany Mr Knowles, Miss Budd, and a handpicked group of Year 8 students interested in the film industry on a very exclusive trip to Elstree Studios and Elstree UTC to attend a prestigious film festival for county schools.

For just under a month these talented Year 8s have been partnering with Elstree UTC students to make a film for this exciting event. We arrived at Elstree Studios at 9:30am and shortly after, received a tremendous tour by Joely Hertz, a worker at Elstree Studios and previous alumni of Bushey Meads School.



We had the amazing opportunity to visit all the sets and stages of the studios such as: *A League Of Their Own*, *Big Brother* and Netflix's highest budget show at the moment, *The Crown*. After this thrilling tour around all the sets we headed to Elstree UTC to watch the Year 8s film in their cinema room.



This was very inspiring for the students and made them extremely happy and Mr Knowles, Miss Budd, Claire from Elstree UTC and I were extremely proud.

"I loved seeing my name and my name only as the director on the credits. It made me feel special" – a quote from Thomas Phillips, the talented director of the whole short film.

Following this, Bushey Meads were lucky enough to have a look at all of Elstree UTC's facilities and get a grasp on what the backstage life is like such as sound, AV, makeup and lighting.

After lunch we attended the film festival back at Elstree Studios and watched all the different schools' films and celebrated each other's successes. The best thing that put Bushey Meads' students apart from the other schools is that the extremely talented students worked together and edited their film 'First Impressions Count' themselves. This received them many honorary mentions by organisers of the festival and Elstree UTC students, which was a monumental moment for the students.

The students' behaviour was exemplary throughout the day and it was a delight to accompany them on this trip.

My personal favourite moment from the trip was bumping into Rylan Clark Neal, the presenter of Big Brother's Bit On The Side and mostly remembered from X Factor in 2012. This was my all-time favourite moment as it excited a great deal of the students, especially Fantasia Mulima Matiya who kept repeating the whole way back "This was the best day ever, I can't believe I saw his face!!!"

A very well done to all the Year 8s who took part in this brilliant film project and sincere thanks to Miss Budd and Mr Knowles for allowing me on this trip, getting me some helpful insight to what the media and film industry is like, thus continuing my interest in pursuing a career in media.

How innocent are Year 4 students?

Mr Lyley, Teacher of History

Some might argue that Friday period 5 can be a nice way to wind down for the weekend, with both staff and students positively exhausted from all their hard work from the preceding week. This was certainly NOT the case for the Year 4 students over at Little Reddings' School on Friday 7 July!

Both Mr Newbold and I were positively delighted to host our very own cross-curricular project with the Year 4 students, delivering across two classes on Anglo-Saxon crime and punishment, with a main focus on the ruthless 'Trial by Ordeal!'

...**For those unaware** of the gruesome method used in Anglo-Saxon England, which lasted until the early 13th Century, Trial by Ordeal was a way for which ordinary people would turn to God when seeking judgement on someone's guilt. For the accused, this could potentially involve the dreaded Trial by Hot Water, Trial by Cold Water, Trial by Fire (or Hot Iron) and for the privileged in society, mostly priests or religious figures, Trial by Sacrament.



Students were delegated into small groups within each class and were given the task of creating a different scenario, to exhibit their understanding of a different Trial used in small Saxon communities.

The afternoon concluded with Bushey Meads School's very own 'Trial by Baked Beans' in the main hall with all students! Four Year 4 students were selected in order to prove their innocence, whilst blindfolded and trying to avoid stepping on the mushy baked beans within their path. Needless to say, all spectators watching the 'accused' students and staff, were shouting with excitement and trepidation at the prospect of witnessing the carnage unfold.

Beyond a doubt the event itself was an absolute pleasure and both Mr Newbold and I would personally like to thank all who were involved in our cross-curricular venture. In particular the six students who supported us: Bethany, Grace, Denethri, Marie Hofer, Shrey and Katie in Years 8 and 10 respectively. Your help was invaluable. I'd also like to personally thank both Mr Newbold and Miss Farook for all of their support in planning and co-ordinating the project. We look forward to continuing our cross-curricular work across Key stage two and three. If you are reading this article on line then do click on this link to host a standalone video to see more of what went on that afternoon at Little Reddings: <https://goo.gl/KM7tPb>



Bushey Meads School has 36 Year 9 students completing their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. For this award they have to complete four sections: volunteering, skills, physical and expeditions.



their group through checkpoints.

In a time where students' lives are often dominated by social media and technology, this weekend provided the students with an opportunity to go back to basics. They cooked, erected tents, socialised and even got involved in a game of rounders.



In a build up to the expedition they had a number of training sessions on how to erect a tent, how to prepare the cooking equipment, first aid and navigation. On Friday, 7 July, the students put their training into practice at Braid Wood for their qualifying expedition. For this expedition they had to complete two walks, one on the Friday and one on the Saturday, navigating



All students did really well over the course of the weekend and the challenge provided them with some unforgettable experiences. Vanshita (see picture below) certainly had a memorable birthday.



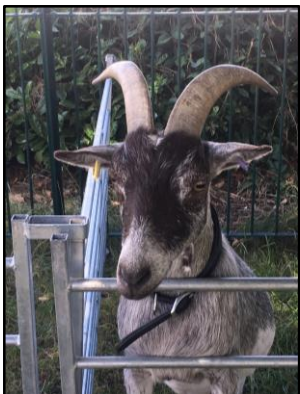
A big thank you goes to Miss Booth, Mr Malik, Mr Knowles, Mr Lester, Mr O'Kelly and Mr Tocknell for giving up their time to help support the expedition.



Multi-Skills Animal Encounter

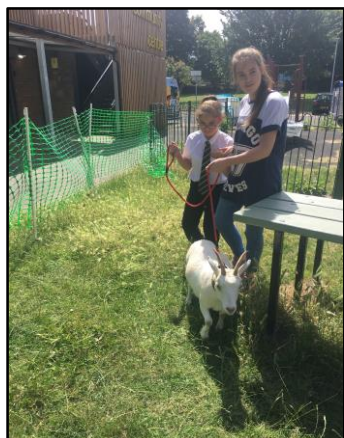
Mrs S Cooper, 2nd in Faculty, PE & Health

Monday afternoon saw the year 7 multi-skills group attend an animal encounter experience. The opportunity, set up through the school links with Watford Football club, was provided by SweetTree Farming for All. SweetTree farming run courses and events for people of all ages who may suffer from learning or physical difficulties or have an interest in farming and agriculture.



The session took place at The WFC Meriden community centre where students engaged in sheep herding activities, goat handling and grooming, chicken handling and the opportunity to pet rabbits as well as feeding the animals. Talks on animal welfare and husbandry were also delivered and the students completed a fact sheet to demonstrate their newfound knowledge.

This was a really interesting afternoon where the students demonstrated confidence and calmness around the animals - skills they can often find difficult - and engaged fully in the activities offered to them.



It was also lovely to see ex-student Gemma Bain who volunteers with SweetTree Farming and clearly enjoys her work. She really engaged and bonded with the students.

Many thanks to both Karen at Watford Football Club for once again providing Bushey Meads with an enriching opportunity outside of the classroom confines, and Jude from SweetTree who delivered a memorable and educational experience.



Participating students:

J.Beaven, G.Clarke, T.Harania, G.Haxton, O.Jack, F.Jackson, R.Jinks, A.Lord, A.McClean, Z.Miah.

Thanks also to Mrs Maloney for supporting us.



World Para Athletics Trip

Tuesday 18th July 2017

Mrs S Cooper, 2nd in Faculty, PE & Health

94 students and staff set off on Tuesday morning to visit the Queen Elizabeth stadium to watch the World Para-Athletics.



Disabled students, those that have helped at disability events, as well as those who have represented the school in four or more athletics matches this year, were invited to attend the global event.



After a smooth departure and arrival at the Olympic park we took our seats behind the 100m start line to observe some truly inspirational athletes participating at the highest possible level.

A world record in the Triple jump, a Championship record in the long jump and a host of national records and personal bests were achieved by the participating athletes.



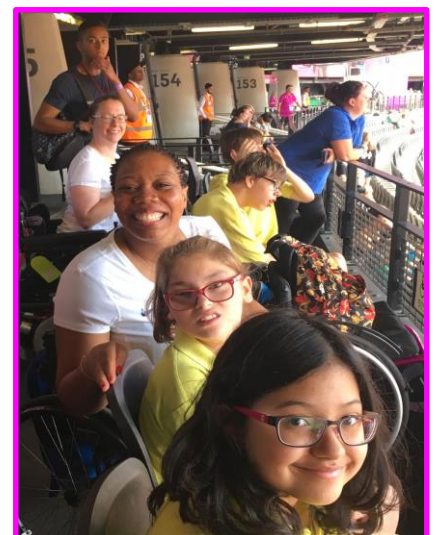
Among the British highlights were seeing Luke Sinnott jump a personal best to finish a very respectable 4th in his World ParaAthletics debut, jumping on two blades after a military injury. It was fantastic to see the way the crowd raised his performance levels. Also watching World champion Sammi Kinghorn easily reach her T53 400m final, (I'm still not sure Mr Tocknell has gotten over the fact she was narrowly beaten in the heat by an Australian! - revenge in the final) and finally watching Richard Chiassaro recover from his nasty 'pile up' on Monday to qualify for the T54 200m final, in which he later finished an agonising 4th.



However perhaps even more inspiring for the Bushey Meads students and staff was the opportunity to meet 3 of the athletes who were brought up by stadium staff to chat with the students.

Sam Ruddock who threw a PB and finish 7th in his F35 shot took the time to chat with a wide range of students and posed for photos with our own district shot put champion Yama.

Vanessa Wallace has only been competing in discus for 2 years but earned herself a PB and British record in the F34 shot and was really happy to chat away to the students encouraging them to get involved in athletics.

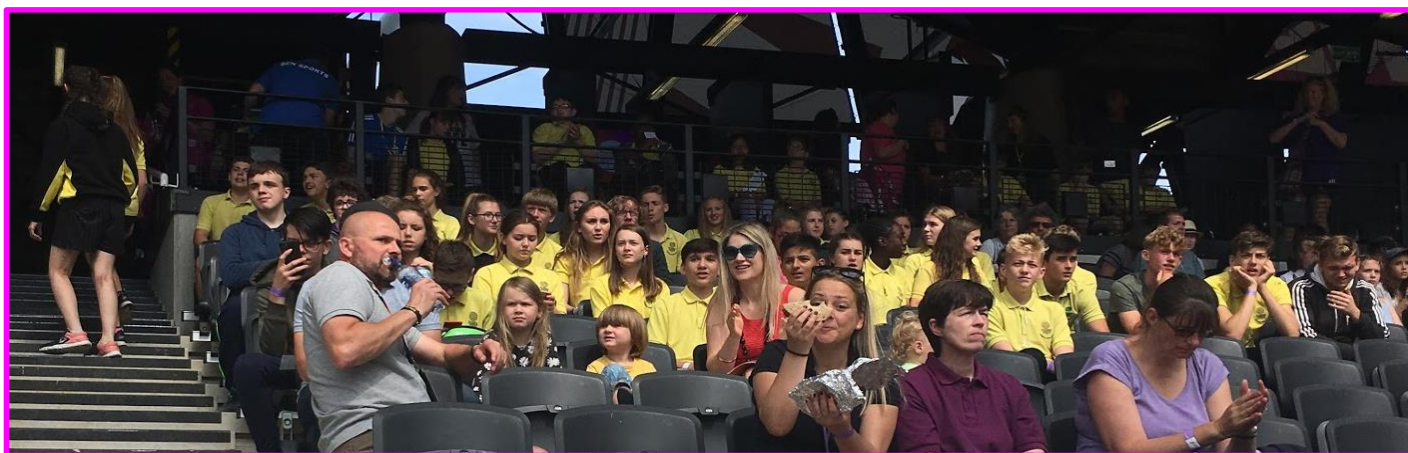




Gemma Prescott, although not with her bronze medal, was delighted to tell the students all about the feeling of winning a medal in a home stadium. All of the international athletes were so grateful for the support of the crowd and it was great to have the opportunity to speak with them.



After a fantastic day where the students were a credit to themselves and the school and the staff amazing in their support of each other, we all returned inspired and humbled by the amazing talent displayed from athletes who have overcome massive physical barriers, proving sport really is for all.



PE and Health Faculty News

Mr Cartledge, Head of PE & Health

LEVEL 1 SPORTS LEADERSHIP

During the summer term 16 students from the Year 10 GCSE PE class have been following the Sports Leaders UK Level 1 qualification. This has involved 16 hours of training and then a series of practical leadership assessments.



This culminated last week in the group leading the new Year 7 students in sports activities on the year 6 Induction Day and then leading their own year group in striking and fielding based lessons. The level of organisation, communication and enthusiasm shown by the group was of a very high standard.

The sessions were really enjoyed by both their peers and the younger students. The group will now move on to supporting the PE

and Health Faculty with the provision of extra-curricular sports activities next year. They will be supported by students from the new L2 Sports Studies vocational course who will be taking a Sports Leadership unit in Year 11. Well done to all the young leaders who continue to make such a valuable contribution to the school.



Here is a list of current Level 1 Sports Leaders :

Anouska Barrett	Ben Faulkner	Bella Parker	Georgia Sargent
Max Benveniste	Francesca Kelly	Jasmine Phillips	Megan Sjollema
Connor Cameron	Charlie Lyall	Yama Qarib	Henry Stewart
Hollie Ellis	Sophie Melsome	Ayisha Rashid	Sky Wright Hobson

HEALTHY SCHOOLS AWARD

In September 2014 Bushey Meads School was awarded Healthy Schools' status to recognise the provision for health within the school.



Herts for Learning recognises the importance of meeting the health and wellbeing needs of children and young people. Research has shown that there is a well-established correlation between health and wellbeing and pupils' educational attainment and motivation. The HfL Healthy Schools' Programme supports the sustainable development of all aspects of health and wellbeing within the school curriculum and forms part of the whole school approach.

This year has seen a full review of the school provisions for both mental and physical health and following a lengthy application process the school has again been successful in achieving Herts for Learning Healthy School status.



This is a fantastic reflection of all the hard work in the school towards ensuring the students are encouraged to lead healthy active lifestyles as well as receiving the emotional support to ensure they can thrive in secondary school. Special thanks must go to the pastoral team as well as the contribution made by the PE, PSCH, SEN and food technology staff who make such an important contribution to the programme, to ensure the school has maintained its status.

CRICKET

Year 7 Cricket v Westfield (Division 1)

Date: Tues 18th July 2017

Score: Westfield 93 for 6 (15 overs) Bushey Meads 76 for 4 (15 overs)

Result: Westfield win

Bowling: T Bates 1 for 19, T Pearce 1 for 6, A Kothary 2 for 18, E Anthony 1 for 9, M Machen 1 for 14, E Anthony 1 for 23, K Mehta 0 for 12

Batting: T Pearce 32 not out

Team : T Pearce, A Kothary, M Machen, T Bates, H Khan, M Tariq, E Anthony, K Mehta, S Sabapathy, M Choudhury, H Dawood

Comment: Despite another fantastic innings by Tyler Pearce the boys were beaten by Westfield in their last match of the season. The team finishes having won 5 of their 6 league matches which is a very promising sign for the future.



A big Farewell from your Editor!

Mrs Armitage, Assistant to SLT/Editor of weekly newsletter

I complete this last newsletter for not only this academic year but as my final copy. I am leaving Bushey Meads School this week after 11 and a half years' service with many happy memories of a great community here and I will of course miss my colleagues and friendships that I have built up over the years.

I do hope you have enjoyed your weekly read of the newsletter which I have been producing for you all through this academic year. I sign off, wishing you all a very restful and enjoyable summer break and wish you all the best for the next academic year!



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