



Bushey St James Trust Newsletter

June 2016

New Admission Rules Attracts Bumper Number of Transfers from Little Reddings

Last year Bushey Meads School changed the admission rules to favour students from Little Reddings. All students from Little Reddings are now guaranteed admission to our massively over-subscribed, high-achieving school, without the need to sit the stressful Watford Consortium Tests or the worry of which school they would then be allocated.

We wanted to do this to give parents and carers of students from Little Reddings a really tangible benefit from belonging to the Trust, and to make the partnership between the two schools in the BSJT ever stronger. Last year nine lucky students transferred from Little Reddings under the old, less favourable arrangements (one having first been allocated a different secondary school before then, very fortunately, gaining a sought-after in-year place at Bushey Meads). These are the happy and motivated students shown in the photo.

Clearly parents and carers have jumped at this new opportunity to guarantee for their children the sort of high-achieving school they all deserve, because we discovered recently that a bumper 26 students from Little Reddings have already been allocated to Bushey Meads.

We can't wait to meet them; not only to meet them on the transition day of 14th of July, but also on the 'Family Fun Day and BBQ' on 16th July, the Three Day Summer Holiday Course' from August 23rd - 25th, and the individual 'Welcome Interviews' with a senior member of staff commencing from 8th June.



BSJT IT Update

This term our busy IT technical department have been making more improvements to facilities at Little Reddings. Two modern interactive flat panel (IFP) screens

have been fitted; one at near-floor level in the nursery so even the youngest BSJT students can reach and engage with it, and another in the Year 5 classroom of Andy Wells. On page 2 of this newsletter Mr Wells is pictured next to his, and

reports the huge difference it has made to teaching and learning in his classroom. As well as being fully interactive to the touch, without even the need for calibration, the bright technology is little affected by external light.

Without needing a projector it doesn't lose impact on sunny days and doesn't create a shadow from the teacher or student standing in front of it.

Another recent IT improvement is illustrated by the printer in the picture on page 2. This is one of a suite of top printers installed in the last few weeks. The high definition lasers have been set up in each year-group area.

"It is like a giant iPad and brings everything to life!"

Year 5 LRS Student

Mr Wells reports the students were wowed by his new IFP from first sight, describing it as "like a giant iPad" and he says that the new printers, with their vibrant colours, bring students' computer work to life, adding to their motivation. He is well-placed to measure the changes and real improvements to Little Reddings classrooms.

As a schoolboy himself he attended Little Reddings from the age of four, transferring to Bushey Meads for the rest of his schooling, and then returning to Little Reddings after qualifying as a teacher.

Bill Fisher

Senior Assistant Headteacher BMS

BSJT IT Update Continued

Year 5 LRS teacher Andy Wells proudly standing next to his state of the art modern interactive flat panel (IFP) screen; fully interactive to the touch, without even need for calibration with bright light technology, little affected by external light and with no need for a projector.



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Outstanding Collaborations in English across the Trust

Over the last two years staff across the Trust have worked together in a variety of ways to enhance the learning in both schools within our innovative setting. Much of this work has focussed on really developing the transition process from KS2 to KS3.

Coupled with recent changes to the primary curriculum and the rise in expectations placed on staff and, most importantly, the children, paired with the ongoing mission of secondary schools striving to avoid any wasted years, it has become a necessary focus for our KS2 and KS3 teams to work even more closely together.

Little Reddings School has worked hard to develop their approach to the teaching of writing, with a big emphasis on securing consistency in the teaching of Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar across the school. Raised expectations for

staff and children, new leadership, training (both internally and externally) and tighter monitoring cycles have really helped to develop the school's approach and outcomes have improved in this area.

As part of the cooperative work across the two schools Sebastian Gray, the KS2 Leader and Fazana Farook, the KS3 Lead Practitioner for English, observed lessons across the two Key Stages to assess the levels of



expectation placed on pupils' writing through assessment materials and the general pitch of lessons. The leaders noticed an apparent fall in expectations from KS2 to KS3 English lessons and therefore agreed that from the Spring term this year, some Year 6 pupils were already expected to meet the expectations that would usually have been set for most Year 8 pupils. Plans for work across the key transition were brought forward. A selection of pupils, due to attend Bushey Meads and other local secondary schools and working at slightly below age related expectations, worked in two groups with the KS3 Lead Practitioner on a weekly basis. This provided further opportunities to understand the expectations and gave the pupils a feel that they were working with a KS3 teacher and at a KS3 level; all fantastic transition preparation for both the leader and pupils. The approach was adapted to ensure that all Year 6 pupils were benefitting from the Lead Practitioner's input. It was then decided that the best use of time and personnel would be to ensure quality planning. The

whole process involved regular communication across the key stages and the KS3 Leader was a great help in the moderation process. All of the writing provided opportunities to select pieces for the children's writing assessment

Outstanding Collaborations in English across the Trust continued

portfolios. The success of the project will have some measurability when the final assessments are made before the 30th June. In terms of key outcomes achieved, the main ones are outlined below:

- the Year 6 students benefitted from an exciting range of English lessons. Having the extra incentive of knowing they were working at a 'Year 8' level and the guidance supported them to maximise their progress in writing
- the children were fully engaged from start to finish despite the classes working without the teachers with whom they started the year
- over the weeks, every child grew more confident with their writing and commented on how they felt they could actually achieve in the

- secondary school writing lessons
- the process has strengthened the relationships across the Trust and can now be used as a model for other subject leaders in other areas of the transition to plan and moderate across the two schools which will only lead to more consistency
- most importantly, the children have gained such confidence from the project and are feeling far more relaxed about life in their chosen secondary schools. It will be essential to check in with these children when they have enjoyed their opening weeks of life in Year 7 and assess the quality of their writing
- the Key Stage 3 team will have a clear understanding of the high expectations they were able to meet in the summer term and will be in a stronger position to avoid those 'wasted years' at KS3

BSJT Site Update Continued

classrooms for Science by October half term, as well as additional car parking for staff and visitors to the school – something that will hopefully help the local traffic congestion and access to parking near our popular school.



In addition, Bushey Meads is delighted that their recent major application to the DfE's Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) for 2016.17 has resulted in a successful bid worth over £1.5 million. This hugely significant bid will be used to re-clad all our buildings across the school site, transforming the look of Bushey Meads School and ensuring that all the teaching blocks are fit for purpose for the 21st century. Only a third of the bids submitted were successful, so Bushey Meads is very fortunate to have secured this funding. Work should begin before the summer holidays commence and is scheduled to be complete at the end of December. Meanwhile, at Little Reddings School we will be re-submitting their £800 000 CIF bid in the next few months to enhance their building infrastructure and we are also ensuring that additional access control on the main gates has been installed, allowing for improved student safeguarding and site security relating to the nursery building.



BSJT Site Update

At Bushey Meads, as we returned from the Easter break, we all witnessed the erection of safety fencing around the site and the arrival of diggers – our £4 million building project over two exciting phases had started! Many of our existing buildings will soon be enhanced with state of the art extensions and learning resource spaces. These will benefit nearly all faculties and year groups across the school. Originally planned as a £3.5 million project we have now, through recent negotiations with

the local authority, secured an additional £½ million worth of investment. The first classroom to be completed will be in F-block



with an anticipated completion date of September 2016, closely followed by a further two

Sharing Outstanding Practice with Local Headteachers

It was great to welcome Richard Booth, the Headteacher at The Reach Free School, and Duncan Roberts, Headteacher at Maple Cross JMI School, to the Bushey St James Trust recently. They were particularly interested in seeing how the school and the Trust operates and how some of the strategic structures and collaborative approaches were benefitting the students in both school settings.

Jesse in Year 7 at BMS (who is one of our Student Learning Consultants) is pictured here talking to them about his reading lesson and his hugely positive experiences of being in Year 7 at BMS.



The two important visitors also spent some time at Little Reddings Primary School and talked to some of the key leaders there, including Assistant Headteacher Seb Gray, who is pictured here in the Junior Hall explaining about the exciting collaborations currently taking place with literacy across the Key Stage 2 and 3 curriculum.

Fazana Farook, our talented Lead Practitioner for English, is working closely with Mr Gray to develop some superb schemes of learning that really build and reinforce the learning journey across the two phases.



Specialist Leaders of Education at LRS

We would like to formally congratulate Mrs Gianonne, who was recently designated as a Specialist Leader of Education.*



This is a huge achievement and recognises her exemplary work at LRS. She will now be further sharing the good practice that exists within our Trust and of course her own expertise with a number of other schools. We would also like to formally congratulate Mr Presky who has been awarded the same prestigious designation for his continuing nationally acclaimed leadership of IT.

****SLEs are outstanding leaders with at least two years' leadership experience. They have a particular area of expertise (such as a subject area, early years, behaviour or school business management) and a successful track record of school improvement.***

It was also a real privilege to welcome Spencer Lewis, the Headteacher of Yavneh College in Borehamwood, to Bushey Meads School last term. He was also particularly interested in the work that we do across our Multi Academy Trust to really support and strengthen the progress of all students at both Bushey Meads and Little Reddings Primary School. As an experienced headteacher, now on his second headship, it was good to share ideas and strategies employed across both our learning communities. On a tour of the school he was clearly impressed with the teaching and learning and focus of the students in all classrooms. He was also very interested in our curriculum design and the impact it has had on increasing choice and diversity. What impressed him were the numbers of students choosing various options at both GCSE and Post 16 level. Pictured here with Lily (one of our experienced Student Learning Consultants) he was listening to her detailed explanation of her work in Graphic Products and the technology involved in this exciting GCSE option choice.



Paralympic Gold Medallist at Bushey Meads School!



On Friday 10th June we were extremely excited to welcome Tim Prendergast, Paralympic gold medallist to Bushey Meads School, as part of the Sky Sports for Living Programme.

Tim began the morning with an inspirational Year 10 assembly sharing his journey and motivating the students to reach for the stars.

He then spent the day delivering a workshop with twenty chosen Year 7 and 8 students based on skills learnt through sport to develop, life long learning and the six keys to success.

The Six Keys that Tim Talked About were:

1. Mental toughness
2. Hunger to achieve
3. People skills
4. Sports and life knowledge
5. Breaking barriers
6. Planning for success



The six keys to success are designed to help young people develop valuable life skills that will help them inside and outside of school, now and into the future. The day was filled with team building exercises and tasks that really pushed the students to think outside of the box.





We were also extremely lucky to welcome our local Member of Parliament for Hertsmere Oliver Dowden, alongside two Sky Sports representatives; Laura Pettey and Adam Kinsley. The students were keen to express all they had learnt throughout the day and discussed how Tim had inspired them to follow their dreams and never give up.



MP Oliver Dowden interacted with students and staff and clearly heard how powerful Tim's visit had been – encouraging all students to reach for the stars and overcome any obstacles in their path. He also engaged in a lively political debate about the current EU referendum with our Year 8 and 9 students which demonstrated how aware they all were of the topical issues currently in the news. A number of our student leaders also explained their roles in the school – from BMS Buddies to Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and Eco Monitors.



"The sessions that Tim led outside really helped us to develop good team building strategies."

Year 9 Student

On a tour of the school he visited classrooms, talked to students about the breadth of offer that our curriculum facilitates and saw and heard about our exciting building plans for the next 12 months – all part of the journey of Bushey Meads moving to the next level.

It was a fun filled, inspirational day and the students even got to try on the gold medal! Both Tim Prendergast and Oliver Dowden also commented on how all students involved represented the school in such an exemplary manner.

Ms Rowden - Dance Teacher



"The assembly really made us think about the barriers that we sometimes experience and how we can overcome them."

Year 10 Student

"I really enjoyed the visit by Tim – it was really inspirational."

Year 8 Student

Assisting the BSJT Community

Two Year 12 photography students, Evie and Sarah, have given up their time to visit Little Reddings School to help them with their new school prospectus. Evie and Sarah have been taking photographs of various learning activities across the school to help promote the school to prospective parents.



Evie and Sarah have put the skills learnt in the A level photography lessons to good use and have produced some lovely photos. The favourite activity photographed was in reception where the students were learning to care for baby chicks. A valuable experience for Evie and Sarah which also benefits Little Reddings School.



“It was great to be able to put the skills we are developing on our A level course to good, practical use and help to make a better brochure for Little Reddings Primary School.”

BSJT Senior Leaders and Teachers Showcase Exemplary Practice at Several National Events



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Senior Assistant Headteacher at BMS, Mr Fisher, who oversees all aspects of transition from primary to secondary school and the academic and pastoral care of all students in Key Stage 3, has been invited to speak at two prestigious national conferences in July; one at the Kia Oval in London and one at the Lowry Centre in Manchester. He will be speaking about how Bushey Meads School has developed a timeline of transition events which seeks to accelerate student learning, transforming transition into an experience which actually boosts progress.



Sharing some of the highlights of the embedded transition programme at BMS, he will be highlighting many of our transition events that focus on building inclusive relationships with parents and carers and working together with them towards aspirational goals for their children. His key messages will be reinforcing the growth mindset, 'I can achieve anything', philosophy that exists so strongly in our schools. Achievements from students' primary schools, home culture and wider life are validated and built upon. Expectations are set high, with learning activities for students to complete even before they start KS3, and the atmosphere is emotionally safe and secure, allowing students to focus on their learning and enjoy the fun parts of the experience as well. All part of the key benefits of being within the Bushey St James Multi Academy Trust.

Also joining him at these conferences will be Fazana Farook - Lead Practitioner at BMS and Seb Gray - Assistant Headteacher & English Lead at LRS. Their presentations will address a key issue highlighted by the Ofsted's "Wasted Years" report that recognised that in many secondary school English departments the KS3 curriculum did not build sufficiently on pupils' prior KS2 knowledge; interviewed staff and students stated that there was often a repetition of content and skills across the two phases. From their leading work in this area, that has benefitted students at both schools within the Trust, they will be showcasing how Bushey Meads and Little Reddings Schools are developing a strong cross-phase partnership which encourages KS2 and KS3 teachers to recognise and develop students' prior knowledge. Their session at the two conferences will explore how the recent changes made to the KS2 - KS4 National Curriculum created an opportunity for collaboration and work to develop robust curriculum maps that require students to apply their prior knowledge to new, challenging, enjoyable English topics in order to make excellent progress over time. They will also be highlighting a newly developed 6-week KS2 exemplar scheme of learning that has recently been designed to provide an effective springboard into KS3 within our innovative Multi Academy Trust.



SSAT ACHIEVEMENT SHOW 2016

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Extended Senior Leader Ms Knowles, Lead Practitioner for English and Literacy Ms Bowe, History and Sociology teacher Miss Bevan-Davies and PE and Maths teacher Mr Hawkins have also been invited to present at the annual national SSAT Achievement Show at the Emirates Stadium in June.

They will be sharing the ongoing success (recognised by Ofsted in their recent inspection of the school in September 2015) with the school's feedback and marking agenda. Since September, Bushey Meads School has continued to develop the way it uses formative assessment to impact upon student learning. The Achievement Show will give the school a platform to share with the many hundreds of delegates attending the conference how the school has engaged all staff by demonstrating the benefits upon student progress of a new approach - one that has led to an effective marking policy to 'Make Marking Matter'.

Our school won a bid to become part of the SSAT Dylan Wiliam initiative - Embedding Formative Assessment. This project, along with all the many initiatives now embedded in the school, has led to all staff within the school using a range of strategies in the classroom to gain and respond to student feedback within lessons. Key staff from our Trust will be sharing the whole school approach and also a number of simple but effective ideas that can be used by professionals to improve their teaching and students' learning.

Music Across The Trust

Over the past year, several new peripatetic instrumental music teachers who already provided outstanding instrumental lessons at Bushey Meads have joined Little Reddings School. We now have lessons in violin, trumpet, drum kit and saxophone along with piano and guitar. The newly designated music foyer at Little Reddings is packed with instruments! Year 4 are all learning the violin on Tuesday afternoons and the children are really enjoying the experience. George in Year 4 says, "It has definitely encouraged me to be more musical; it has inspired me!" Nevaeh really enjoys it when "the whole class play along to a

backing track and the teacher gives us tips on how to improve". We are delighted that children are learning a greater variety of instruments and excelling in their instrumental lessons.

Miss Brown, the Head of Music at BMS and BSJT Music Coordinator, attends weekly Music Assemblies at LRS. She writes:

I always look forward to my weekly visit to Little Reddings to lead the Key Stage 2 Music Assembly. We have been learning a wide variety of songs and a particular favourite is 'When I Grow Up' from the musical Matilda. The children sing with enthusiasm and passion every single week! We sometimes have several brave soloists who stand at the front and sing a small section

all on their own (to rapturous applause of course). A few weeks ago, the Bushey Meads Barbershop Quartet visited Little Reddings and performed two a cappella songs for the children during our Music Assembly. It was wonderful to see the older students in the trust inspiring our musicians of the future.

"Learning the violin at Little Reddings has definitely encouraged me to be more musical; it has inspired me!"

George in Year 4

BSJT IT Update Part 2

Besides the exciting ongoing IT developments at LRS outlined on pages 1 and 2 of this newsletter, at Bushey Meads, the same outstanding BSJT IT team have been installing information screens around the secondary school site to help communicate key messages, promote events and remind students and staff about key dates that are coming up. In the bottom picture to the right of the article we see one of those screens strategically placed in the Learning Resources Centre (LRC), currently promoting the new stationery shop, Shakespeare week and the 'Word of the Week'. Captured in the top picture we see Head of Maths, Suresh Varsani, with two of his outstanding team of mathematics teachers, populating another screen that is situated in the entrance to their maths block. They are putting together a visual report, to run on this screen, about our students' brilliant progress in this year's UK Maths Challenge. The device they are preparing this on is another recently installed IFP; in fact a really top-spec IFP that enables the screen to be raised or lowered, so providing visual impact from the back of the class, while being able to be lowered for student interaction too!

One of a number of superb new eye catching information screens now in place across the BMS school site



The state of the art new IFP installed in the Maths Faculty at BMS



Bushey Meads and Little Reddings Accelerated Reading Scheme is a Great Success!

Year 12 and 13 students from Bushey Meads have been visiting Little Reddings School weekly to read with Year 5 and 6 pupils. They have volunteered to do this as part of the Sixth Form Community Service Scheme which focuses on enriching students' lives by learning new skills and by giving something back to the school and the wider community. Students have thoroughly enjoyed participating in this scheme and have gained many skills such as how to interact and help the younger pupils and also the responsibility that comes with such a role. Emily from Year 12 says: "I have been attending community

service sessions every Tuesday morning since the start of the year and I have been thoroughly enjoying it! It is nice to start off the day in a different environment, getting to know the younger children and helping them with their education and aiding their transition into secondary school. I plan to continue as long as I can as, not only is it helpful for both Little Reddings' students, but such activities look great on your CV and personal statement for university applications. Thank you for the opportunity!" Bushey Meads' students really enjoy going to Little Reddings. They have got to know the children that

they help to read well, and many can see a positive difference in the children's' reading ability since they started going. They have had to think about what would help the children progress and further their learning. Also, they benefit from this experience as it gives them the opportunity to do something completely different outside of their studies. Evie and Sarah from Year 12 comment: "We have enjoyed the opportunity to help the children improve their reading skills. It has benefitted us because we have gained valuable experience in helping younger students and this has increased our confidence as well as the pupils'

BSJT Reading Scheme Continued

confidence in reading.” We do hope that the Little Reddings’ pupils have enjoyed the accelerated reading scheme just as much as the Sixth Form students have. It has been commented on that Bushey Meads Sixth Form students are helpful and pleasant and a delight to have at Little Reddings! This is great news and is a partnership that we hope will continue for many years to come.



Sixth Form Students Involved in the LRS Reading Scheme

Little Reddings Art, History and French Collaboration

I was asked to go into Little Reddings to collaborate on an Art, History and French project with Ms Laura Moses. I was apprehensive as my French is rusty to say the least and was previously used in the last century. However Laura assured me that she would handle the French if I handled the Art and between us we would lead the History. We came up with ideas for Years 4, 5 and 6 that fitted in well with their current themes and projects. Year 4 are learning about Tudor England and we have gone through some symbols and ideas for what they could have in the background, including bows to show youth, crowns for royalty, and rainbows for peace. They also have to include some modern items to show what they like. The pupils are lovely and are delightfully engaged in the project. This project allows Year 4 pupils to begin to see how adjectives in French can change in spelling, depending on whether they are masculine or feminine. What's more, they are starting to use the key phrase 'Je suis,' which means 'I am.'

Year 5 are working on hobbies (without a History Link) and are loving working with oil pastels and learning new techniques to improve their skills. Their grasp of

the language for describing what they do at the weekend is fantastic and being able to visualise what they are discussing is great. It is wonderful to see pupils (often children who are less confident) eager to talk about what they do at the weekend using their weekend portrait as an aid.

Overall, the benefits of curricular language teaching are clear because pupils’ retention and recall rate of key phrases in the target language is increasing, and motivation for language learning is increasing because some pupils are asking how to say new colours or different weekend activities. What's more, old words and phrases can be revisited (e.g. colours), and new words can be dropped in along the way (e.g. parts of the body and face). We are starting a project with Year 6 in June following the completion of their SAT's exams. We look forward to starting this project with Year 6 for their last half term of primary French, and we aim to further develop their passion and enthusiasm for MFL prior to commencing MFL at secondary level.

All three year groups will create a portrait using a transfer technique to give them a great outcome regardless of their ability. The work will be displayed as a gallery

on the 5th session and Laura Moses and I will be judging the best from each year to win a small prize. I am really looking forward to their finished pieces and I really enjoy my time at Little Reddings.

by Morag Waring
BMS Art Teacher



Headteacher of Little Reddings Primary School Carly Simmonds Writes

Another great term has passed which has seen a real impact on our children’s learning through collaboration across the Trust. This Newsletter highlights some of the main examples of this – but there is so much more happening behind the scenes!



LRS benefits from being a member of the Trust as we share fabulous HR, Finance and Premises teams who pull out all of the stops and allow me to concentrate on the most important thing in a school – the teaching and learning! Great staffing makes a great school

**Headteacher of Little Reddings Primary School
Carly Simmonds continues**

and here at LRS we have some fabulous staff. We have amazing new members of staff joining our team in September, ready to push us even further and closer to reaching Outstanding as we continue our journey. Excitingly we will also add to the team of staff that work across the whole Trust with our very first Assistant Head for the Trust!

It's been a fabulous year at LRS and we are all looking forward to building upon our successes of this year and ensuring even more next year.

**Carly Simmonds
Headteacher**

**Executive Principal of the Trust
Jeremy Turner writes:**



It has been a very busy and productive year across the Bushey St James Trust with much interest generated across the local, regional and indeed in the national arena for the innovative and exciting work we are doing in both school settings and across our superb Multi Academy Trust. As with most schools at this time of year, recruitment has been a major focus for leaders and governors at Bushey Meads and Little Reddings and I am delighted to report that we have managed to secure some quite outstanding

staff to teach in our schools from September 2016 – joining our growing number of excellent staff who have joined us in our recent journey of school improvement over the last two years. These include a number of very talented Assistant Headteachers appointed this year who are really supporting the drive to provide outstanding teaching and learning at all levels across both schools and secure the very best outcomes across the organisation for the children in our care. Our school sites and learning environments continue to be enhanced and developed with state of the art equipment and our various small and large scale building projects will undoubtedly support effective learning moving forward into an exciting future. It has been a real privilege to work alongside Miss Simmonds and her hard working and dedicated leadership team as they continue to secure good and outstanding practice in all classrooms at LRS. Equally it has been inspiring to work alongside the very dedicated professionals at BMS. Being a Headteacher and Executive Principal is a real honour and I do hope that you share my well-founded optimism for a very bright future for our two schools within the Bushey St James Trust.

I would like to wish you all a very happy summer holiday and I look forward to a positive end to this term and an exciting new academic year from September. Thank you for your support and encouragement throughout this year.



**Chair of the Trust
Sam Russell writes:**

As you will hear from Mr Turner and Miss Simmonds, exams are at the forefront of the minds of everyone at both schools at present. SAT tests at Little Reddings and the GCSE and A Level exams at Bushey Meads take place this term, and we are confident of good results from both schools.



We are also at the forefront of discussions about the future. The Government is very keen that all schools should become Academies, often in collaboration with other schools.

Our trust model is being looked at closely by Hertfordshire County and other schools and we are speaking to all interested parties who want to understand the positive changes that our Trust has brought about.

As ever, the dedication of everyone - staff, governors, children and parents - has been vital to the continued positive development of the Trust.

On behalf of the Trustees, many thanks to everyone for your support this year.

**Sam Russell
Chair of the Bushey St James Trust**