

Year 8 BMS Student and her sister raise over £150 for Cancer Charity!



At Bushey Meads School, not only do we focus on ensuring that all our students achieve the very best examination results they can, but that they also develop into well rounded individuals, becoming lifelong learners and positively contributing to society. Many of our students go the extra mile, both in and out of school and it is always encouraging to hear when they demonstrate leadership initiative and also think of others less fortunate than themselves.

Just before half term I received this super news from a parent of a Year 8 student and was delighted to award them with a R5 and a special High Achiever Award for their leadership initiative and superb fund-raising efforts for charity.

Dear Mr Turner

It's always lovely to hear of our children's achievements within school and I thought it would be lovely for you to hear what they achieve outside of school.

At the end of the Summer Holidays my two daughters (after weeks of nagging) sorted through their toys and books. On seeing how much they didn't want any more I suggested to take it all to a charity shop. They however, had a better idea! 'Can we sell it from our front garden?' So, with the help of some friends they arranged a lovely display of toys and books and raised an amazing £27.



Not happy with that, 2 weeks later they had another sale in our front garden with more planning and preparation. Their hard work and super selling skills helped raise an

amazing £89.87. Their chosen charity was Cancer Research UK Kids and Teens.

The total amount donated was £154.

I would like to thank you and your wonderful staff for helping my eldest daughter's transition from Little Reddings to Bushey Meads be a stress free and welcoming experience. I cannot wait for my younger daughter to join you in September where she will no doubt feel exactly the same.

Kind regards

Parent of Year 8 Student and Student at Little Reddings Primary School

Dates for the Diary

10th November

**Sixth Form Open
Evening 7-8.30pm**

Y13 Brain Day

Satellite Club Presentation 3-4.30pm

11th November

Y12 Juniper Hall Field Trip

House Talent Show Rehearsal 3.15-4.15.

Governors Meeting 6.30-8.30pm

Y10 Bronze D o E Evening 7-8pm

12th November

House Talent Show 6.30-8.30pm

13th November

Children in Need Day

26th November

Y7 Parents Consultation Evening 4.30-7.30

1st December

Y13 Parents Consultation Evening 4.30-7.30

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

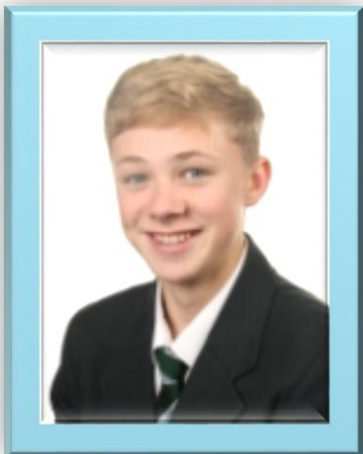
KEY STAGE 3



Csenge - 7 Ash

This week's student of the week is Csenge for her exemplary attitude to her learning and for contributing towards the school community. Csenge has the one of highest amount of achievement points in her year and also spoke at our open evening in front of prospective students and parents. Csenge also performed in the Arts Extravagnaza and has embraced the Bushey Meads ethos. Well done Csenga, keep up the excellent work and no doubt you will reach your potential.

KEY STAGE 4



Danny - 11 Ash

This week's KS4 student of the week is Danny Finley - 11 Ash for his studious and enthusiastic approach to his GCSE IT. Danny achieved an A* in his PPE in the summer and his controlled assessment is of a high standard. Congratulations on your achievements, make sure you keep up the hard work! All the best for the year ahead.

KEY STAGE 5



Dhanisha 12Willow

Our KS5 student of the week this week is Dhanisha who is currently in Year 12. She has been awarded this for her fantastic start to year 12, her hard work, cheerful attitude and her contribution to the school community. Dhanisha is currently studying Business Studies, Philosophy and Ethics, Sociology, Spanish and the Extended Project Qualification.


Word of the Week (WOW) at Bushey Meads

Danielle Bowe

Lead Practitioner for English and Whole School Literacy

Language is empowering

This week at Bushey Meads we are thinking about the word **indelible**. Not only is this an adjective, it is also an interesting figure of speech to describe the impact someone or something has. We have encouraged students to think about people who have left their 'indelible mark' on them!



Word of the Week

2.11.15

This word comes to us from Classical Latin word *indelebilis*, meaning "not able to be destroyed."

Pronounce it: *In-del-i-ble* adjective

Definition

1. Impossible to remove, erase, or wash away; permanent: *indelible ink*.
2. Making a mark not easily erased or washed away: *an indelible pen for labelling clothing*.
3. Unable to be forgotten; memorable: *an indelible memory*


The adjective *indelible* describes something that can't be erased or removed, like marks made by an indelible marker, or an indelible moment you will never forget: your first day of secondary school or a visit to a new, exciting place.

Examples in sentences:

- 'Annoyingly, the indelible pen had left a permanent mark on his shirt.'
- 'The novel made an indelible impression on me.'

Use it instead of:
permanent, stubborn, ingrained, enduring, memorable, unfading.

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



YEAR 11 ENRICHMENT DAY – Thursday 12th November 2015

All year 11 students will be off timetable for the whole day on Thursday 12th November in order to complete their CVs and personal statements.

They will also receive their BMS Presentation Folders into which they will be able to add their school and external certificates in preparation for the interviews they will be involved in for either sixth form, vocational college courses or a national apprenticeship scheme.

If any parents / carers would like further information please do not hesitate to contact Mrs D McIlldowie, Head of Work Related Learning.

Theme of the Week - Achievement



Mr Arnold delivered the theme of the week through whole school assemblies this week, concentrating on how small changes in the way students approach their studies can have an enormous impact on their academic success. Students were encouraged to change their mindset about the concept of failure and were urged to take more risks in lessons in order to stretch themselves. Failure and making mistakes are not things to be feared. Mr Arnold linked the increased willingness to take risks with increased attainment and gave tips on how students can learn from teachers' and peers' feedback. If students can really engage with

marking and feedback and use their purple pens more to improve their answers, then amazing progress is much more likely.

Mr Arnold then spoke about the need to never give up and that a person who keeps trying is unlikely to ever be beaten in the long run. He then invited on to the stage a Year 10 student, Lee Keogh, who has an exemplary attitude to learning record despite facing enormous challenges every day through being physically

impaired. Lee

spoke in an

inspiring way about the many

challenges he has faced and how he overcomes those obstacles to lead a happy and successful life. He is truly an example to us all by always stretching and challenging himself meaning that he is not only achieving extremely well at Bushey Meads but he has made a real difference in the wider community. Everyone who witnessed Lee's presentation left the Hall feeling both humbled and motivated to make a positive impact on their own studies and to also help others overcome any obstacles as we all aspire to achieve.



Year 11 Revision Techniques Day

Mr Arnold – Assistant Headteacher KS4



Year 11 students will soon be sitting their pre public examinations (PPEs) at the end of November and have already begun revising for these important tests. To ensure that students use their time wisely the Key Stage 4 team organised a **Revision Techniques Day** on Wednesday 21st October.

Year 11 students gathered in the Hall on Wednesday afternoon and received their PPE timetables. Then the Heads of Faculty for English, Maths and Science presented students with revision techniques and reminded them of key areas to focus upon.

Ms Court, English, explained that students need to use **GAP** – Genre, Audience and Purpose – when revising non-fiction texts and the **3 Ss** – Subject, Structure and Style – when revising English Literature. Students then worked in groups applying these techniques to written texts.



Mr Varsani, Maths, then took the stage to explain how students should use **MathsWatch** to revise. He then invited students to download a very exciting new app – **PiXL Maths App** – to their mobile phones. This app is able to diagnose exactly where a student needs extra help and practice and promises to give even more detailed feedback to students ahead of sitting their Maths exams next May and June.



Mr Bilton, Science, was next to explain how students should concentrate on learning **key words** in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics and reassured students that they should approach

Science revision confidently and without fear. He explained how **tarsias** could be used as one method to actively revise and students enjoyed collaboratively completing these sets.



Year 11 students left the session feeling galvanised and focused on the PPEs, all determined to do their very best.

Later that evening, it was the turn of the Year 11 parents and carers who gathered in the Hall to hear members of staff talk variously about the rationale behind revision, core subject advice and guidance and to experience revision for themselves thus enabling them to better support their sons and daughters during the examination seasons.

Mr Arnold began by highlighting the key dates that remain before the start of the examinations next summer before pointing out that time is of the essence and that every opportunity between now and May should be taken to maximise students' potential.



Ms Bowe and Ms Charles both explained how students should be revising actively for their exams and gave advice on how parents and carers can best create the most conducive study environment at home.



Ms Court then invited parents and carers to engage in a mini - revision session centred on a poem, *Spellbound*, before Mr Varsani launched the all-important PiXL Maths app. Ms Open, Science, introduced parents and carers to various strategies to help students memorise key scientific vocabulary. The evening ended with an interactive matching activity that all parents and carers thoroughly enjoyed.



Parents and carers were then able to take away some revision packs that included items such as the PPE timetable, stationery designed to aid revision, reading lists and a revision booklet. One parent commented: "Can I thank Bushey Meads for the very informative Year 11 Revision Techniques Evening - it was very interesting and helpful. It made us aware of the various resources that are available, especially the Maths websites. I think my husband enjoyed the fact that it was interactive!"

Fantastic News from a Former Student!

Mr Turner, Executive Principal



It was a real delight this week to hear that one of our former students has just graduated from Bournemouth University with a 2:1 in Law.

Pictured below as she was at Bushey Meads School, her proud Mum wrote in to let us know about her fantastic achievement – clearly building on the successful learning experience she gained at our wonderful school.

I wish to inform you that my daughter Zara has just graduated with a 2:1 in Law from Bournemouth University. We will be attending her graduation ceremony at the University tomorrow. As your colleagues will be aware, she completed her GCSE and A levels at Bushey Meads School and left in 2011.



I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Bushey Meads School for the sound academic tuition and support Zara received while she was there. Zara herself did inform me when she started University that the tuition she received (especially during her A level years) really helped her to adjust very well to the high level of academic work there.

I wish the school every success in all their endeavours. Thanks once more!

*Regards,
Rosemary Williams.*

Mini Olympic Event with Bushey Meads and Little Reddings

Ms Dawson – Head of MFL

The annual Mini Olympic event took place at Bushey Meads School in July this year in conjunction with Queens and several local primary schools. This was the culmination of the year's work, an event that everyone looks forward to! Our fabulous Language Leaders support this event every year and encourage the primary students to use as much French as possible. Throughout the year, the primary network meets regularly and Little Reddings' students also visit to make croissants in the fabulous Bushey Meads Catering suite and our Language leaders visit Little Reddings to deliver French and Spanish lessons.



Warm up activity in the Sports Hall



Spelling French words accurately



Olympic Spirit!



Well-deserved ice cream for all!

This was an excellent send off to Mrs Woodhouse, the Little Reddings' French teacher who has been one of the main partners in the Strategic Learning Network since we first began.

Y7 Receptionists of the Term – Autumn 2015

Mrs Nealon and Mrs Biggerstaff



Year 8 have now completed their year as student receptionists and what a fantastic job they have done – thank you to all the students who have assisted us over the past year; we would have been lost without you.

A special thanks goes to Brian and Jack who are our receptionists of the term for the first half of the Autumn term. Brian and Jack both showed great enthusiasm and keenness to help during their time as student receptionists.



In recognition of their hard work, Brian and Jack have been awarded 10 achievements points together with a certificate of acknowledgement. Thank you to both Brian and Jack and well done.

Year 7 students have now started their year as student receptionists and have got off to a flying start this week. Good luck to all of you and thank you in anticipation of a very successful year.

Oak House supports Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mr Hawkins – Head of Oak House



Oak house students decided that their chosen charity for this year would be Cancer Research.

You may or may not be aware that between 1st October to 31st October is Breast Cancer Awareness.

Each year 55,000 people are diagnosed with breast cancer in the UK – that's one person every 10 minutes. Oak House decided they wanted to help to raise awareness of breast cancer and show our support for anyone facing breast cancer from day one.



In PE lessons on the week commencing Monday 19th October, students will be representing their houses in Interhouse Cross Country. To raise money for Cancer Research and being Breast Cancer Awareness we are asking students to wear something 'pink' whilst running in the event.

Well done to all those in Oak House - you should be proud to support such a great charity. Over £60 raised in our first charity event with more to come throughout the year.



Girls Sports Results

Tuesday 3rd November

Netball



Year 9 - SJC

Date: 03/11/15

Opposition: Parmiters

Result: Won 12-11

Comment: This was a really determined performance from the Yr 9 squad, the game was close from the onset but Bushey Meads turned it around in the final quarter to secure a deserved victory.

Team: A.Parker, A.Rashid, M.Bonyadi, E.Houghton-Brown, A.D'Alwis, A.Trivedi, R.Aravindan

Player of the Match : A Rashid (voted by opposition)

Year 10- SJC

Date: 03/11/15

Opposition: Parmiters

Result: Lost 22-5

Team: M.Stefanov, I.Hadland, V.Pratt, O.McManus, L.Parr, R.Langhi, R.Bharmal, B.Lipman, L.Campbell

Comment: Against tough opposition BMS worked hard throughout the game but were unable to reduce the deficit

Player of the Match : L.Parr (voted by opposition umpire)

A reminder:

Cheerleading is running this half term on Tuesday's in the gym.

Trampolining at Bushey Grove on Wednesday's booking required - see SJC for details.

Boxercise in the gym Thursday's.

Satellite Club - INDOOR ATHLETICS

Tuesday 10th November in the sportshall

Watford Harriers Coaches

EVERYONE WELCOME (boys and girls)

3.15 - 4.30 in kit.

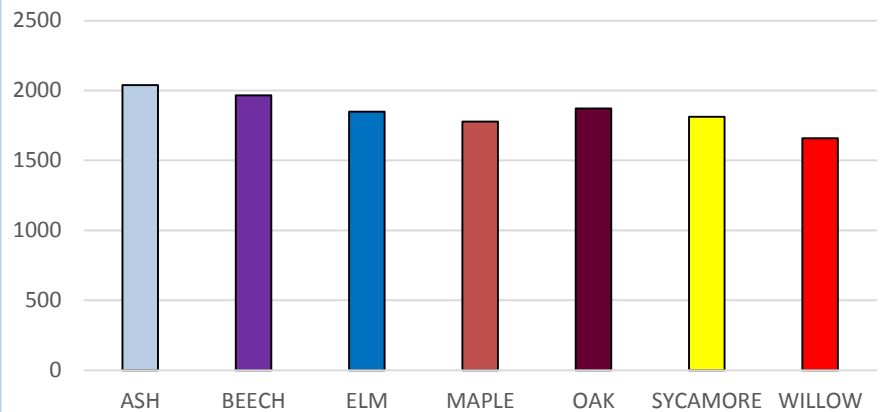


House Points Update

Current House Totals

ASH	2039
BEECH	1966
OAK	1873
ELM	1849
SYCAMORE	1813
MAPLE	1778
WILLOW	1660

House Points 2015-2016



ASH house are maintaining the lead over the first half term. The House poetry competition will be included next week so watch this space for changes!

MyName

Coach Volunteer



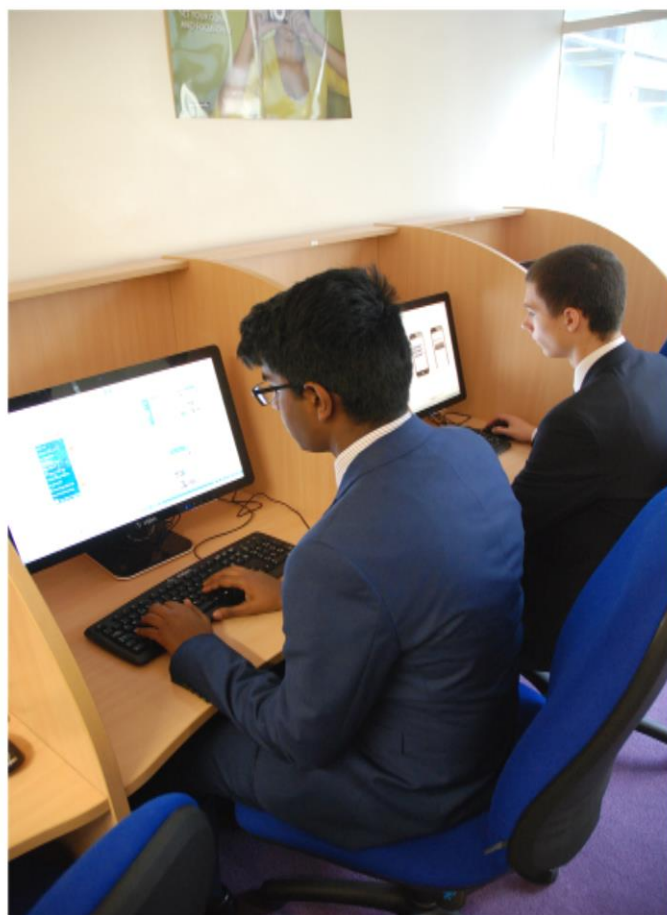
We are seeking an enthusiastic volunteer to help out with three Netball sessions weekly, during term time.

When: Tuesdays 5pm-7.45pm

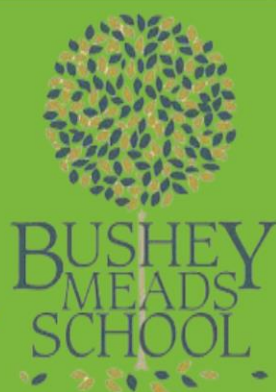
Where: Queens School, Bushey, WD23 2TY

Who: Any one can enquire, no qualification necessary

If you are interested, please contact: Rebecca Gray on Rebecca.Gray@englandnetball.co.uk or phone for an informal chat on 07525 703 153



Aspire to Achieve



Sixth Form OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 10th November 7-9pm

'An outstanding and inclusive 6th form'

'Students are making better progress than all students nationally at A level' Ofsted 2012

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