

ENRICHMENT DAY



By Mr Fisher, Senior Assistant Headteacher

Wednesday before the Easter break saw our fourth enrichment day of the year.

Year 7 students took part in a theatre workshop day or visited a London art gallery - whichever activity they had not been involved with during the previous enrichment day. In both cases, their studies on the day helped broaden approaches to their regular lessons in those subjects.

Year 8 students enjoyed our annual Africa day - a day of dance, music and research, exploring and celebrating African culture. Turn to page 3 to find out more detail about their day.

Year 9 students visited the science museum in London.

Year 10 students also benefited from an educational trip; they got to visit two religious, cultural centres around Watford - the Hari Krishna temple at Bhaktivedanta Manor in Aldenham, and the Soul Survivor church.

Year 11 students were studying hard for either their forthcoming English GCSE or for the successful ECDL computing GCSE.

The sixth form were presented with 17 different choices, comprising study days at school, community service supporting the enrichment days of other year groups in their own subject areas, or taking part in their own trips and visits.



Year 7 employed masks as part of the theatre workshop day

Enrichment days give students the opportunity for deep learning in a particular subject and for taking a different, and often broader, approach to studies.

On the next page you can see a selection of photos to illustrate just some of the activities that were available to our students.

What's On

Wed 26 April

**Y8 Normandy trip meeting
for parents (1700-1800)**

Thurs 27 & Fri 28 April

**Y10 GCSE Dance Showcase
(1900-2030)**

**Monday 1 May
Bank Holiday**

**Tuesday 2 May
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
(no students)**

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

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

ENRICHMENT DAY continued

a selection of the activities that were available to our students



Year 7 students also visited a London art gallery



Year 7 theatre workshops included music



Year 10 students were surprised at the richness of their experience at the Bhaktivedanta Manor



Year 10 students visited local religious, cultural centres



Food students invited their parents to sample the food they had cooked



Psychology students studied animal intelligence at the zoo

AFRICA DAY

Mr Besisira and Ms Waring



With all of the excitement of Africa Day approaching and creating their own Africa Day logos during form time, the Year 8 students were gearing up for the annual African experience.

Students had the opportunity to partake in an array of different sessions from African Drumming to creating their own batik using different stencils. The drumming session was great to see as students learnt about the different drums that are used in different countries across Africa and their importance in African culture. Students learnt how to use a drum to create their own beat and how to work together to create a series of drum beats.



The Batik and Andinkra sessions allowed students to create their own African styled Batiks and prints. Students discovered that this is how traditional art from some African countries is created. They were encouraged to think about particular shapes, symbols and objects which are synonymous with Africa and to include them in their design. There were an array of ideas from lions to pictures of villages and the savanna. It was great to see students take into consideration artistic ideas from an African perspective.

Students had a Video Link session where they got to choose one of the 54 countries using <http://www.our-africa.org/>. From their choice of country they could look at different areas of a person's life such as education and communications, a map of the country, education, people and culture etc. They had to collate all of their findings and put them into a presentation which they would need for the evaluation section in the final section. It was interesting to see the different countries which students chose - Madagascar, Kenya, Ivory Coast, to name but a few - and how much they learnt about them, working in pairs.



Following on from last year, students had the opportunity to participate in African Dance which went down a treat. They were shown different dance moves from both East and West African cultures. It was pleasing to see that all the students who took part learnt something, A shout out goes to all the boys who got really into this session and showed the girls a few new moves! Their inner African selves came out really well!!

Students overall had a great day and got to experience different aspects of African culture. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the teachers who helped make the day a success, with special thanks going to Mr.Searle who was in C13 all day, and to the Art Faculty for the Batik and Andinkra making.

PASTORAL NOTICES

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

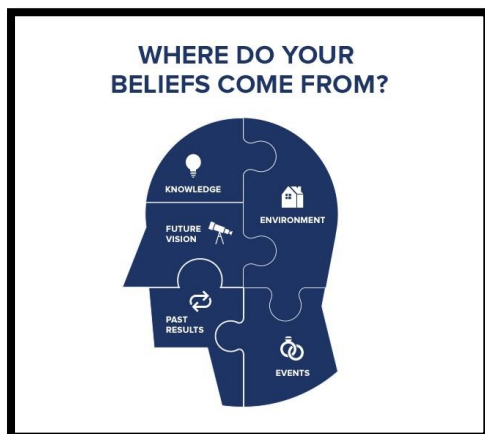
KS3 & KS4

Please ensure full name is on all items of clothing and equipment, as a high percentage of the lost property arriving in the Pastoral Office has no name and hence cannot be returned to the student.

KS5

No notices this week.

THEME OF THE WEEK – Belief



The theme of the week this week was Belief. Both KS3 and KS4 assemblies were focused on the concept of self-belief and its importance in determining our success in life.

Questions such as:

*Where does our self-belief come from? How is it shaped?
How does our own self-belief shape our world view?*

were all discussed and answered.

Miss Dhanecha showed a video that explored and spoke on theme effectively. This can be viewed by following the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AjZ0Kbjcav0>

UNIFORM

Please do remember to check the uniform regulations. The full uniform list can be found on the school website and on pages 7 and 8 in the student planner.

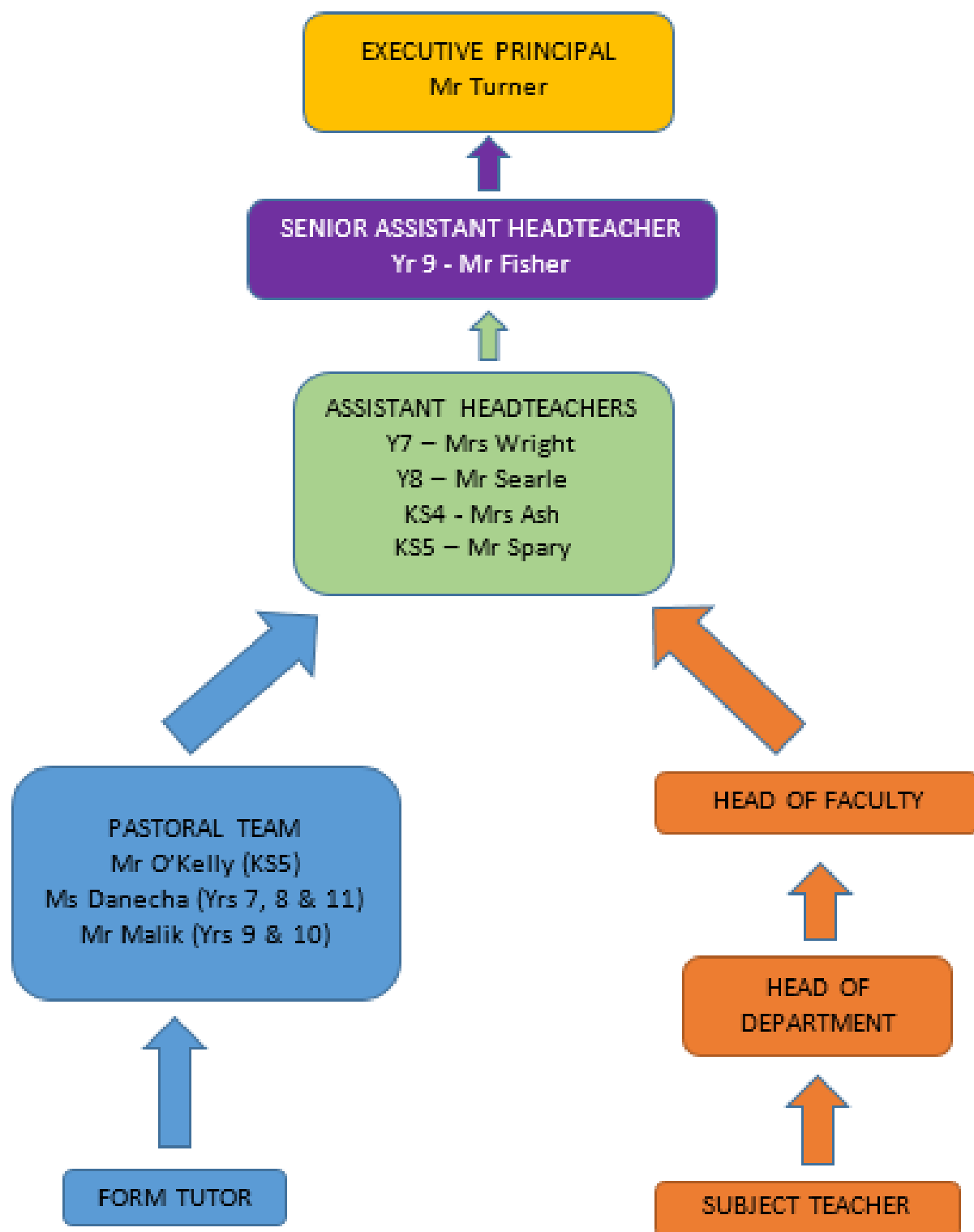
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Channels of Communication

In a large school it is important to know who to contact if you would like to raise a concern or provide us with information. If you have a concern you would like to share with the school regarding your son or daughter your first point of contact needs to be the subject teacher or the form tutor. They can be contacted via the school email: reception@busheymeads.org.uk, marking it for their attention, or by telephone: 020 8950 3000.



Going the Extra Mile during the Easter Holidays!



On just one of the days during the recent Easter holidays it was inspiring to walk around the school site and see so many hardworking Year 11 and Sixth Form students attending the many and varied Easter Revision Sessions being offered by a whole host of different and dedicated staff at BMS. Students found the focussed sessions engaging and really helpful in complimenting their own revision at home – a chance to get some further input and last minute exam tips from their teachers, as well as encouragement and support from their peers at this crucial time in their education.

“I enjoyed working as a group on one of the more problematic exam questions - it has given me confidence to have a go in the exam.”



“The revision session was quite relaxed but it was really helpful to have an extended time to get to grips with some of the more complex exam topics.”



PE and Health Faculty News

Mr Cartledge, Head of PE & Health

Rugby news

Year 9 Boys Rugby v Bushey Academy (Friendly)

Date : Wednesday 29th March

Result : Won 46 - 0

Tries : Olu Oshisanya (2) James Demir, James Kimber, Andre Fernandes, Kees Van Der Leeuw, Josh Jones, Mohamed Djahnit

Conversions: Josh Jones, James Kimber and Ross Marsh

Squad : Christy O'Leary, Leon Cooper, Olu Oshisanya, Fahad Choudhury, Kees Van Der Leeuw, Nathan Angold, Ross Marsh, Josh Jones, Andre Fernandes, Mohamed Djahnit, James Kimber, Tom Clarke, James Demir, Ethan Baverstock

Comment : A good team performance from the Year 9 rugby team. They exploited the space on the pitch with some clever runs and held a strong defensive line.



Year 10 Boys Trip to Tottenham Hotspur FC

On the Thursday before the Easter holidays 13 members of the Year 10 football team were the guests of Tottenham Hotspur FC for a training session at the 1st team training complex in Chigwell.

The group were welcomed by former BMS teacher Trevor Webb, the Educational Welfare Officer at the club. The boys took part in a 90 minutes session, delivered by members of the THFC Under 18 team.



It was an excellent experience that was thoroughly enjoyed by all the boys. The THFC coaches commended the attitude and ability levels of the boys who were a credit to the school throughout.



Masterchef 2017



After much discussion by the judging panel, the results for the 2017 Health Week Masterchef competition are as follows:

Position	Team	Score (out of 60)
1st place	Pasan Kulasinghe and Nisarg Patel	55
2nd place	Millie Ashford and Ben Goring	51
3rd place	Jake Norris-Ataie and Adam StClair	50

These students will all be receiving INTU vouchers for their quality culinary efforts. A big well done to all who participated in the competition and congratulations to the winners.

SYCAMORE HOUSE

Mr Donovan, Head of House

Sycamore House are part of the **Annual House Music Competition**. They have been training hard and perfecting their harmonies ready for the big day.

Here is the Sycamore Team for the event:

Junior Vocalist: Nicala Douglas (8S) singing '*If I Was Your Man*' by Bruno Mars

Choir: Katie Sharp (8S), Nicala Douglas (8S), Akhil Radhakrishnan (8S), Dylan Hilton (8S), Ross Machen (10S), Ethan Callaghan (7S), Shantae Plummer (8S) singing '*Ain't No Mountain High Enough*' by Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell

Senior Vocalist: Akhil Radhakrishnan singing '*Wherever I Go*' by One Republic

Sycamore House are very proud of these students for the dedication they have given to the event. We wish every success to all of them!

Please note: The House Music Competition has been postponed – revised date will be announced soon.