

MERIDIAN

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The Monthly Newsletter of Meridian School

MERIDIAN
SCHOOL

SUCCESSFUL
PERSONALISED
PASSIONATE
SUPPORTIVE
COMMUNITY SPIRITED
COMPETITIVE
CELEBRATORY

January 2014

"Headlines"

I am delighted to report that Year 11 achieved truly impressive Maths GCSE results in the recent November exams. All students sat the exams and the results were as follows:-

	Meridian	Nationwide
GCSE grade A* - C	69.0%	53.0%
Grade A*	5.1%	4.2%
Grade A	13.7%	7.7%

Successful students have already embarked on additional Mathematics courses, some have started 'A' level already, some are to take Statistics GCSE in the summer and others are 'Managing Money'. "Meridian has always had an outstanding reputation for Maths, and these results are a timely reminder of this excellence".

Ofsted Action Plan

The governing body has approved the action plan formulated by the school in response to last term's inspection. Following this week's Curriculum and Achievement committee meeting, the plan will be published on the school website—with a target date of February half term.

Dr M Firth
Head Teacher

Student of the Month **December 2013**

- Art - Antonia Murphy Year 9
- Biology - Jess Booth Year 13
- Chemistry - Saffy Cook Year 10
- Drama - Chloe Gobell Year 11
- English - Lucy Mackintosh Year 11
- French - Beata Bankauskyte Year 10
- Geography - Ryan Judge Year 11
- History - Shona Saunders Year 10
- ICT - Chloe Thorpe Year 10
- Maths - Charlotte Goldspring Year 12
- PE Boys - Kyle Augustine Year 9
- PE Girls - Natalie Temple-Hill Year 10
- Photography - Natalia Rymarczyk Year 12
- Physics - Beata Bankauskyte Year 10
- Psychology - Jessica Booth Year 13
- RS - Conor Eustace Year 11

SNOW CLOSURES

Arrangements in the case of severe weather.

We will make a decision about closing the school as early as we can, whilst at the same time doing everything possible to remain open.

Announcements of school closure will be made via:

Herts CC website at www.hertsdirect.org
BBC Three Counties Radio
Heart 103 (was Q103)

We will endeavour to put a message on the school website and send a group text to those for whom we have an up to date mobile number.

Hopefully none of these arrangements will be used this winter, but please tune in if the weather is severe.

Thank you



Well done to everyone who took part in the Christmas Carol Service in the church. The collection raised £315.55 for the Brain Tumour charity.

BUSINESS DEPT

Well Done to the Business Department, who managed to raise over £1000 for the Brain Tumour Charity, at their Christmas Fair in December. It was very well attended, and thanks go to everyone who helped.



INDEPENDENCE, CURIOSITY AND ENGAGEMENT

The ICE program is in its second year here at Meridian. Solid B grade students are chosen to become members of ICE. They are set challenges, both individually and as a group, and share achievement and



behaviour points. This acts as quite an incentive for the students to up their game and raise their learning and subsequent achievement! The first group activity was a debating competition, judged by two former ICE students Emma Jefferis and Sophie Kirkham. Eight teams of students had one hour to research their arguments before the debate started. Topics included animal testing, single-sex education and the merits of homework and reality TV. Points were scored for good arguments, 100% participation, asking probing questions and answering challenging questions from the audience. A great time was had by all!



Pictured are the winners of the debate, the Flakes (Matthew Bailey, Jack

Hallewell, Callum Toovey and Harry Walsh). Students will now continue the day-to-day challenge to push their learning from January.

NEON JUNGLE ROCKS MERIDIAN

We were approached by Neon Jungle's Management Company, offering a free show and a chance for the students to meet the girls from the group. We were pleased to take them up on this offer, presenting, as it did, the opportunity for our students to enjoy some music, which may or may not have been familiar to them, thus enriching their cultural awareness further. We are always trying to find different cultural events to offer the students of Meridian.

The students really enjoyed the afternoon, and we were grateful to the group and their tour representatives for spending time after their performance, meeting and having photos with the students. There were also opportunities for students and staff to put questions to the girls, including asking them about Jessie J, with whom the group have just been touring. The girls finished the show with a performance of "Braveheart", their forthcoming single. Callum Goodall, of Year 11, described the event as "an interesting and enjoyable experience, which made a change from a normal Wednesday afternoon".



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 13th December

In the spirit of Christmas, Miss Weatherall and the Sixth Form Committee decided to have a "Wear your Christmas Jumper To School" day, for all staff members and Sixth formers. "It wasn't for charity, just for School and Christmas Spirit! So the cheesiest, most Christmassy jumpers were taken out of wardrobes, and worn to school on Friday 13th December. We did, as expected see lots of red noses, snowmen and Santa Clauses!" said Miss Weatherall.

THE GREAT MERIDIAN BAKE OFF



Students, parents and staff entered a range of cupcakes and celebration cakes, with some truly amazing (and very tasty) cakes being entered. The cakes were judged on Monday 16th December by two members of the Women's Institute, Christine Gregory and Jean Emes who tried all of the cakes, along with two Sixth Form Students and some staff. They judged them against specific criteria. Sixth form students Safwaan Choudhury, Nathan O'Looney and Connor Sullivan contacted local businesses to request support for prizes from each category, and we were very lucky to secure donations of prizes from a range of businesses. Prizes were awarded to the winners of the student category and the adult category. The cakes were then sold in school to raise money for the new school minibus fund. **Well done to all of the winners.**

PE DEPARTMENT

MERIDIAN YEAR 9 BASKETBALL
UNDEFEATED



It is now two wins from two games for Meridian Year 9 Basketball team. They went to Fearnhill School on Tuesday 19th November and went about producing a very professional display to overcome a strong, competitive home side. The early stages saw Meridian go behind, but soon Meridian showed their class with some fantastic offensive play and stretched the score to a 17-34 winning margin. Defensively Myles Fisher was the pick of the team and offensively Lucy Huttleston shone through.

YEAR 10/11 RUGBY AGAINST MELBOURN VILLAGE COLLEGE
On Tuesday 3rd December Meridian took part in their first rugby fixture for at least 7 years against Melbourn Village College. The match was organised by Meridian's student PE teacher Mr. Phipps, who was keen to get rugby back on the map at Meridian and they faced a tough challenge against an established Melbourn team. The Meridian side was a mixture of both year 10 and 11 students as well as a range of playing experience, but it was Meridian who dominated the early stages. The fitness of the Meridian players surprised everyone and having played the whole game with only 14 players they battled on to claim the victory, 19-17.

Dates for your Diary

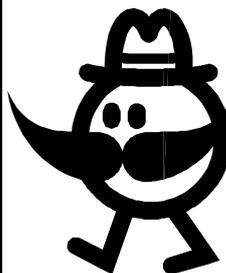
- 5th February** - Yr 9 Consultation Evening (A)
Yr 9 & 12 Rotary Technical Tournament
- 6th February** - Intermediate Maths Challenge
Finance Evening - Yr 12/13
- 11th February** - Yr 9 Consultation Evening (B)
Maths & Numeracy Information Evening 4.45pm
Yr 11 History Trip
Yr 12 Biology Trip
- 12th February** - Yr 13 6th Form Conference
Yr 10 History Visit to Duxford
- 13th February** - PSHCE Yr9 & 10 Yr9-13 District Swimming Gala
Yr 2 & 3 Football Festival
- 14th February** - Yr 9 House Sports Period 1
Yr 11 Drama Day
D of E Training 3.20-4.20
Fun afternoon
- HALF TERM 17th-21st FEBRUARY**
- 24th-28th February** - Yr12/13 Mocks
- 26th February** - Work Experience meeting 7pm
- 27th February** - Yr 10 Netball Tournament
- 3rd March** - Yr 9 Netball Tournament
- 3rd March** - District Basketball Finals
- 5th March** - World Maths Day
Yr 9 Maths Competition
- 7th March** - D of E training 3.20-4.20
- 11th March** - U16 football tournament
- 13th March** - Yr 12/13 Consultation Evening
- 17th March** - Science Week
District Football Finals
Yr 9-13
- 21st March** - Youth Makes Music
District Swimming Gala
D of E training 3.20-4.20
- 25th March** - Yr 10 Consultation Evening
- 26th March** - U14 Football Tournament
- 28th March** - D of E Training Lea Valley
- 30th March** - **2nd April** Music Tour
- 31st March** - Yr 12/13 Art Trip to Curwen

- 2nd April** - Sports Festival Yr 9 Sports Leaders
- 3rd April** - PSHCE Day Yr 9 & 10
6th Form Conference
Lea Valley Athletics Yr 9 - 13
- 4th April** - P4-5 House Assembly
Fun afternoon

EASTER HOLIDAYS 7TH APRIL TO 21ST APRIL

- 22nd April** - Training Day
23rd April - School Starts

November is an annual event involving the growing of moustaches during the month of November to raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer and other male cancers. The goal of Movember is to "change the face of men's health."



**WELL DONE
TO ALL MALE
MEMBERS OF STAFF,
WHO GREW
MOUSTACHES AND
BEARDS AND
MANAGED TO RAISE
£125 IN MOVEMBER**

**Reminder to Parents:
Please could you sign your
son/daughter's diary to show
that you have received this
newsletter.
Thank you**

**For any comments or
queries about the
newsletter please
E-mail:**

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MERIDIAN HOSTS THE FIRST REPAIR CAFÉ IN THE EAST OF ENGLAND

You may be familiar with the phrase 'reduce, re-use, recycle' but much less is written about 'repair'. With money tight and landfill sites overflowing, the importance of changing attitudes to consumption and waste - and repairing rather than replacing - has never been greater.

Royston Freecycle Group volunteers will be helping people to 'do their bit' at Meridian - 10am to 2pm - on Sunday 9 February. If you have a broken item, bring it along to Royston's first Repair Café - a free event.

Your item (only one per person please) will be assessed and, if it can be mended there and then, you'll be shown how to do it. The Repair Café is free, but please book in advance at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/royston-repair-cafe-tickets-9844376796>

so organisers know what item you'll be bringing.

For local updates and other information about repair and re-use go to:

www.facebook.com/RoystonRepairCafe



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email meiru@ajludlow.com or phone **07935212398**

**My next Six Weeks Chinese Cooking Course starts on
Wednesday 26th February until 2nd April 2014.***

I will be teaching my students cooking techniques and how to use fresh ingredients to prepare HEALTHY, LOW FAT, ECONOMIC, QUICK TO COOK AND VERY DELICIOUS Chinese Food.



Not convenient? Why not contact Meiru to arrange a private lesson, demonstration or for that special occasion, book her to cook a delicious Chinese Meal for you and your guests.

Contact Meiru by email, meiru@ajludlow.com or call her mobile, 07935212398.

*Every Wednesday between 6:45 and 8:45 pm in Food Technology Classroom at Meridian School Royston. Limited space available

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