

# MERIDIAN

# LINE UP

The Monthly Newsletter of Meridian School



MERIDIAN  
SCHOOL

SUCCESSFUL  
PERSONALISED  
PASSIONATE  
SUPPORTIVE  
COMMUNITY SPIRITED  
COMPETITIVE  
CELEBRATORY

December 2014

## "Headlines"

This term has continued to fulfil the promise that I wrote of in the October edition.

Students are working hard and our regular internal assessments indicate that should this continue at current rates, exam results next Summer will be comparable with the record breaking ones of 2014. This is great news for everyone.

Nearly 25% of the entire school were involved in the recent Spamalot production - which was a brilliant showcase of school talent. We never fail to be amazed at the quality and depth of our performing arts students - be they actors, musicians, 'techies' or the many other people whose contribution makes it happen. Twenty five percent is a remarkable figure though and demonstrates two notable aspects of Meridian. One, just how inclusive 'performance' is here - in so many schools, performing arts is populated by a small, talented 'clique' of students - at Meridian it is a huge cadre of students. Secondly, how many people are prepared to give up so much time after school, in holidays and at weekends to support their school. I include students, staff and parents in this. Thank you to you all.

Linked to this, you will see a note in 'Meridian Line Up' seeking parental help in raising funds to replace the mini-bus. I shall shortly be writing home to all parents explaining how parents and carers can help. Raising £20,000 is a tall order for a small school - but many aspects of school life that are taken for granted - trips, fixtures etc, - are at risk if we don't replace the bus shortly.

Could you please respond when you get the letter.

Finally, it will soon be Christmas. I hope to see many of you at the Carol Service in Royston Parish Church on December 18th and I hope that you have a very Happy Christmas.

Dr M Firth  
Head Teacher

## Student of the Month November 2014

- Art - Molly Pocock Year 10
- Business - Charlotte Marshall Year 11
- Chemistry - Jack Logan Year 11
- D&T - Lucy O'Connor Year 10
- English - Jack Nicholson Year 9
- French - Georgia Davison Year 9
- Geography - Eleanor Coxall Year 12
- History - Callum Toovey Year 10
- ICT - Astor Choi Year 10
- Maths - Joshua Lewis Year 10
- Media - Shona Saunders Year 11
- Music - Chloe Thorpe Year 11
- PE Boys - Ellis Hughes Year 9
- PE Girls - Abby Laughlin Year 9
- Photography - Louise Bell Year 12
- Psychology - Eleanor Coxall Year 12
- RS - Lucy Huttleston Year 10

## **YEAR 11 AND SIXTH FORM TRIP TO NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY LONDON**

Students explored the National Portrait Gallery on a trip to London, and attended an hour's lecture on the theme of Portraits and Identity. The visit will be

extremely beneficial in helping students demonstrate how their ideas are formed by contextual sources as part of their coursework.



GCSE students outside the National Portrait museum looking at portraiture, identity and self.

Year 12 and 13 Photography trip to the National Portrait museum and the Photographers' Gallery (via a walk through London doing some street photography).



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

From January 2015 Meridian will have an additional uniform supplier, Schoolyard, Units 1 & 2, Jarman Way (off Orchard Road), Royston SG8 5FE.

All orders must be made online via the link on the school website under the Student Care tab (not via the Schoolyard website). Orders can either be collected between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday – Friday from Schoolyard or if you prefer your order can be delivered to school for your child to collect from the school office. Schoolyard will contact you when your order is ready for collection. If you wish to try on uniform before ordering you are welcome to visit Schoolyard at the above address.

Meridian uniform will continue to be available from North Herts Schoolwear in Letchworth who offer an online service (direct link from Meridian website under the Student Care tab) or you can visit the shop at 19 Eastcheap, Letchworth, Herts, SG6 3DA.



DO YOU ENJOY ORGANISING?  
DO YOU LIKE MEETING NEW PEOPLE?  
DO YOU WORK WELL WITHIN A TEAM?  
DO YOU HAVE A FEW HOURS TO SPARE EACH WEEK?  
IF SO, YOU COULD BE WHO WE ARE LOOKING FOR!

*We need some committee members to help us raise funds for our new minibus and help with other events that go on during the year. If you are interested in supporting the Friends of Meridian, please contact:*

**[admin@meridian.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@meridian.herts.sch.uk)**



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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Week Beginning

**15th December** - Yr 11 reports

P1 Year 11 House Sports

P3 Year 9 House Sports

P4 Year 10 House Sports

**16th December** - Yr 11 PSHCE Day (1)

Year 12 & 13 RS visit

**17th December** - Year 9, 10 & 11 PSHCE Day (2)

**18th December** - Carol Service

7pm Royston Parish Church

**19th December** - Year 13 UCAS application deadline

Non-uniform day for Nepal Community Project

### END OF TERM

## JANUARY 2015

**5th January** - Training Day

**6th January** - School open for all students

Year 11 Mocks start

### Week Beginning

**12th January** - Yr 9 & 13 reports

**14th January** - Year 11 6th Form Evening (2)

**16th January** - D OF E training 3.30-4.30pm

**20th January** - Yr 12 preliminary UCAS evening 7pm

**21st January** - Yr 10 Work Experience Evening 7pm

**22nd January** - Year 9 Consultation Evening

Year 9 Art Exhibition

**25th January** - D of E Training 9.30am-12pm

### Week Beginning

**26th January** - Year 10 & 12 assessments

**27th January** - Year 13 Finance Evening 7pm

**28th January** - Options Evening

**30th January** - D of E Training 3.30-4.30pm

**4th February** - Rotary Technology Tournament  
Yr 11 Consultation Evening

**5th February** - Yr 12 Parents' Evening  
Yr 12 Work Experience 7pm

### Week Beginning

**9th February** - Year 11 assessments & mock results

**9th February** - Nepal Trip Meeting 6.30pm

**10th February** - Yr 10 Duxford Visit

Year 10 French Orals

Yr 11 Consultation Evening

P3 Year 9 House Sports

**11th February** - Yr 9 & 10

PSHCE Day (3)

Yr 12 & 13 RS A level trip to London

Yr 9-13 District Swimming Gala

P4 Year 11 House Sports

P5 Year 10 House Sports

**12th February** - Year 10 Spanish Orals

Year 11 History Old Operating Theatre/Science Museum Trip

**13th February** - Year 10 French Orals

Year 11 Art workshop with Royal Academy

Fun Friday

D of E training 3.30-4.30pm

### HALF TERM

### 16TH-20TH FEBRUARY

### ROYSIA SCHOOL CAR BOOT SALES

SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY

SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

8AM FOR SELLERS

9AM-12PM FOR BUYERS

£5 per car

£8 per large van

CONTACT DALE 07882 273851



GOOD LUCK TO YEAR 12 BUSINESS TAKING PART IN PETER JONES' TYCOONS IN SCHOOL

COMPETITION.  
"PLATE O'COOKIES" AND "SWEET TEMPTATIONS" BOTH RECEIVED £50 LOAN TO GENERATE AS MUCH PROFIT AS THEY CAN WITH 7 WEEKS TRAINING. LOOK OUT FOR DELICIOUS COOKIES AND SWEETS, TREATS AND STOCKING FILLERS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

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

**[lineup@meridian.herts.sch.uk](mailto:lineup@meridian.herts.sch.uk)**



**Meridian School**  
**Christmas Fair**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**10am – 3pm**

**Free Entry**

Selection of Stalls, Refreshments,  
Children's Activities; Plus a Raffle with Top  
Prizes and a Santa's Grotto.



**The  
Children's  
Society**

All the profit that is generated from the  
Christmas Fair will be donated to The  
Children's Society charity.

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