



## ***Aim Higher Rolls Into Town!***

The Aim Higher road show rolled into BMS in the past week – literally! The bus was manned by Paul, a graduate from Leicester De Montfort University who spoke to groups of learners about aspiring for places at University.



***Paul, a De Montfort graduate, shares his expertise with year 9***

Paul talked to students about the concerns students may have including being away from home, meeting new people and the financial constraints of student life. He also talked about the qualities students need in order to make it in higher education and the different routes that are now available for prospective students. The material was delivered in half hour slots to Year 9, invaluable preparation for the impending decision making for years 10 and 11.



***Mrs Abbott boards the Road show bus!***

Once again, many thanks to Mrs Abbott who is co-ordinating our Aim Higher work, ensuring students receive some high quality advice and guidance as they contemplate their next steps. We have gathered some very encouraging comments from learners such as Tyler Meads of 9 Cockcroft who said:

“It was good, helpful and inspiring.”

Ryan Clark of 9 Sheppard 2 reflected that:

“It was interesting and made me think about what I can do after school.”

See you all on a College campus in the near future!

## ***Hockerill Visit To Burnt Mill***

A recent visitor to Burnt Mill was Hockerill Anglo European School, one of partner schools that have forged strong recent links with our Modern Languages department. Readers may know that teachers from Hockerill have worked with students delivering cross curricular themed lessons via the French target language.

This recent visit saw students from both schools take part in a drama day, where French was taught through the performing arts. As the picture shows below, it was certainly an action packed day! Many thanks to Miss Dean and staff in her department for fostering this innovative approach to learning in the subject.



***Burnt Mill and Hockerill students working in our dance studio***

## ***Play Safe, Drive Safe***

Many parents may now be aware that some changes to the layout of our outside space have now taken place. A new fence has been constructed at the rear of the school which now separates the student areas from the car parking. This enables us to provide an even safer environment for all members of the BMS community.

This move also means that entry to the school has been improved, ensuring that we provide an even higher standard of safeguarding for learners. The Roydon bus will now pick students up from the front of the school whilst some new parking restrictions have been introduced. We would like to thank parents, staff and students who have supported these recent changes which are all designed to improve the health, safety and well being for all at Burnt Mill.



***The remodelled rear playground***

## ***Not Long To Go Now...***

The development of our new Performing Arts block is going full steam ahead, as this photograph taken this week demonstrates. We are now entering the final stages and soon after half term we hope to be enjoying the grand unveiling. Who knows, some celebrity guest may be cutting the ribbon to celebrate the newest addition to the school's facilities!

The school has already had strong interest from local partners in sharing our facilities so that the new venue becomes an integral part of our role as a key site for the performing arts in the town. Mr. Walker, Director of the Arts College commented:

*“This is a fantastic opportunity to further develop our already strong role within the community. The facilities will give the staff and students exactly what they deserve for their commitment to the Arts – high quality venues to develop high quality pieces of work.”*



***The brickwork starts to take shape around the new studio!***

## ***Sports Desk***

A new year return to action for our sports teams following the freezing weather. Our reporter Mr. Coster was on the spot to give his expert views!

The Year 8 Boys played Roding Valley at Football and unfortunately went down 6-1. These boys had to work hard to even get a side together after a number of personnel were off ill and so it was a great effort.

Year 7 boys however went up against St. Marks at basketball. Mr Ellard's team secured their first victory 19-4. Year 10 and 11 Boys versus St. Mark's (basketball). The senior boys were narrowly beaten 36-26 by a very strong St. Mark's side who are sure to be in the final. Demi Ademola finished top scorer. Congratulations! In Year 8 and 9 boys versus St. Mark's (basketball) there was a comprehensive victory for Burnt Mill who used a squad of 9



players to beat a less talented St. Mark's team. George Harrington and Matt Young gained scoring honours and were accompanied by Wesley Defoe and Rhys Shiels who both had outstanding games.

## ***Attendance Matters***

The top attending forms since September are shown below, along with the most recent top attendance weekly figures. Well done Eliot!

### **02.09.09 – 22.01.10**

7EL2	96.2%
8EL	95.5%

### **11.01.10 – 15.01.10**

8SH1	96.1%
9EL2	95.0%