



Bedford Modern School

# Senior

# BMS e-shot

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### Uniform Matters

One of the areas in which I am seeking immediate improvement is the way in which the pupils wear their uniform. Too many of them simply do not wear it correctly! The problem is worse when the pupils are travelling to and from school, particularly at the end of the day. The staff here will be having a purge on uniform next half-term. I shall be grateful for your support in this matter: ensuring that your son/daughter at least leaves home correctly and smartly dressed; moreover, that you emphasise the importance of smart appearance both for them and the School.

**Michael Hall, Headmaster**

### Option Choices Deadline

Year 9 students - the deadline for confirming your GCSE Options is **Monday 8th March**. A letter and form will be given out by form tutors at the start of next half-term, prior to the Parents' Evenings.

### School Ski Trip 2011

During the February half-term holiday of 2011 the School skiing trip will be to The Canyons in Utah. The trip is open to all BMS students in the present Years 7–12 cohort. If your son or daughter would like to go, letters may be collected from Mr Kendall in H3. Prompt action is advised as there are a limited number of places available. Further details are available from Mr Kendall at [kendalld@bedmod.co.uk](mailto:kendalld@bedmod.co.uk)

### World Challenge Quiz - Friday 26th February, 7.00pm

BMS students taking part in the 2011 World Challenge expedition to China will be holding a fundraising quiz. This promises to be a hugely enjoyable evening, whilst helping to support students on a month-long life changing trip. Tickets priced at £12.50 including a meal (drinks sold separately) are available from the School General Office on **01234 332664** - the maximum team size is 10. The evening will also consist of a raffle including some brilliant prizes! Hope to see you there!

### Indoor Car Boot and Cake Sale

Also in support of World Challenge 2011, James Gibling and Sam Lourenz are organising this sale on Sunday 21st February in Biddenham Village Hall from 2.00pm - 5.00pm. Come and join them in either buying or selling. Refreshments will be available. Admission is 50p and £7 per Table. For further information please email [jamesgibling@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jamesgibling@hotmail.co.uk) or [sam-2509@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sam-2509@hotmail.co.uk).

### Latest News:

For the latest BMS news click [here](#)



**The BMS 1st VIII who won the Hampton Head last weekend - click [here](#) for the news article.**

### Easter Holiday Activity Courses

Booking for the Easter Holiday Activity Courses which run from **Tuesday 6th April - Friday 16th April** is now open. If your child/ren have not experienced the courses before, they are a great way to fill the holiday time and meet new friends. This Easter there are 27 different courses to choose from include Climbing, Cookery, Health & Beauty, School of Modern Magic, Survival Adventure Skills, Studio Sounds and Youth Television alongside our many sports courses. Please click [here](#) to go to the Holiday Courses section on the BMS website to book online.

### Combined Cadet Force

A reminder to cadets from all sections in Years 9-11 that a one day field exercise has been arranged for them at Yardley Chase on **Saturday 20th March**. The day will take the form of a competition where all cadets attending will be split into random sections with equal numbers of 'green and blue' cadets in each. They will

### **Senior Music Prizes - Monday 22nd March**

Entries are invited from all musicians in Years 9-13 if you learn an instrument within school or not. Mr Lincoln Abbotts, Chief Executive, Music for Youth will be our guest adjudicator. Please complete the entry form [here](#) and return to the Music Department before **15th March**. For further information please contact [amilburn@bedmod.co.uk](mailto:amilburn@bedmod.co.uk)

**Classical Showcase – Wednesday 5th May, 7.30pm, Howard Hall** - Featuring the School Orchestra & School Choir. Items include the Bruch Violin Concerto (Soloist - Rachel Cullum), Karelia Suite – Sibelius and the School Choir singing Vivaldi's Gloria with student soloists. Tickets are available from the School Box Office on **01234 332664**, priced at £4.00 for adults and £2.00 for concessions.

then take part in a series of marked exercises where their skills of leadership, resourcefulness, fitness and intellect will be tested. The day will start with cadets being put through a full annual personal weapon test (APWT) – those successful being able to fire blank rounds with the weapon in an ambush exercise later in the day.

It is open to all cadets as long as they do not have a school sporting commitment or a previously confirmed event to attend. A letter giving more detail will be available immediately after the half-term break.