



Bedford Modern School

# Senior

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As we enter the last two weeks of term, may I encourage you to attend one of the many events, but especially the Christmas Concert and/or the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Since these are also some of the last events of my Headship, I hope I shall be able to see you to wish you and your family the best for the future. This has been a very exciting and positive term for us all, and the School is in good heart. We have had record numbers of visitors at our Open Mornings and Evenings, so many thanks to all of you who have been involved.

### Anti-Bullying Week

During the National Anti-Bullying Week, we concentrated on emphasising the dangers and implications of cyber-bullying, with particular emphasis on social networking sites. PC Trevor Denton, our neighbourhood Police Officer, spoke to students at several Senior School assemblies emphasising the legal implications. Heads of Year and Tutors have taken this on further in discussions, emphasising the psychological and social damage it can cause. As a school, we shall be as harsh in dealing with cyber-bullying as any other type of bullying, since we will not allow individuals to damage the lives of others in this way. Please therefore monitor your child's use of such sites and report to us any areas of concern so that we can act to protect the vulnerable.

### Road Safety

Please bring to the attention of your children the dangers of crossing through the traffic at the Clapham Road roundabout outside School House. They should cross the road either by the lights up the road from School House (opposite the Sainsbury road entrance) or via the manned crossing on Manton Lane and then Clapham Road further along. Too many students are running across the road, through the traffic, at the roundabout itself and there will be a serious accident!

### Shoebox Appeal

A huge thank you to all who contributed to this years appeal. 28 shoeboxes were delivered to International Aid Trust on 15th November 2009.

### Sports Department

Welcome to Emma Clarke who is covering Heather Gilbert's Maternity Leave. Emma is an Irish Hockey International and this year won Ireland's Players' Player of the Year Award. Whilst

### Latest News:

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



**Sixth Form students who have received their V Award certificates for their Community Service contribution - click [here](#) for the news article**

### Burns Supper & Ceilidh - Saturday 30th January 2010

- A chance to dine and dance the night away in traditional Scottish style. Priced at £30 per head this is an extremely popular event. Click [here](#) for the ticket application form.

### Christmas Concert – Wednesday 9th December, 7.30pm, Corn Exchange, Bedford – Tickets are sold out!

However, if anyone has any tickets they are unable to use, please return them to the School Box Office on 01234 332664 as soon as possible as there is a waiting list.

### Nine Lessons & Carols Service - Sunday 13th December, St Pauls Church, Bedford, 6.30pm.

Tickets are not required and all are welcome. Choir to be at the Church by 4.00pm please.

### Modernian Singers Christmas concerts -

This choir of parents, staff and friends, is performing at 3.00pm in All Saints Church, Kempston Rural on

Heather is away Christine Orton has taken on the role of co-ordinating Girls' Games and Team Sport. Should you wish to speak with Mrs Orton, please contact Lisa Chapple on **01234 332655** during office hours. If you need to speak urgently to Mrs Orton outside of office hours please contact Patrick Jerram, Director of Sport, on **07917 529119**.

#### **Bus Lane**

When collecting students returning from School trips please do not park in the bus lane reserved for the coaches.

**Saturday 28th November** with a concert of Christmas music and readings. Justin Waters is playing the organ. The concert is being repeated at 3.00pm on **Sunday 20th December** at Colmworth Church (North Bedfordshire).

#### **Severe Weather**

Please refer to the BMS Website, Page 4 in the Downloads Section for up to date information on procedures should we be faced with severe weather during the winter months.