

# Calender

Tuesday 28th March 2017  
Autism Awareness  
Parent/Carer Coffee  
Morning.  
10.00 - 12.00

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Friday 31st March 2017  
School Closes for Easter  
Holidays

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Tuesday 18th April 2017  
School Re-opens

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Monday 1st May 2017  
School Closed May Bank  
Holiday

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Tuesday 2nd May 2017  
School Re-opens

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Thursday 18th May 2017  
Parent/Carer Coffee  
Morning  
9.30 - 11.30

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Thursday 25th May 2017  
School Closes for Half term

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Monday 5th June 2017  
School Re-opens



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## Paralympian Beverley Jones visits Melland High

Beverly Jones, 5 times Paralympian Medallist, spent the afternoon with our pupils, putting them through their paces. Beverley also spoke about her struggle with cerebral palsy and her nutrition and training regime. Our pupils then performed a sponsored fitness circuit raising money for 'Sports for Champions Charity' who's aim is to inspire children, and raise an awareness of sports that motivates them into active participation.



All our pupils enjoyed getting involved in the circuit training and also had the opportunity to hold Beverleys Medals and talk to her about her experience at the Rio Games. This was a wonderfully active and inspirational afternoon.



## Athletics Competition

12 students from across all key stages took part in the annual secondary school athletics competition on 23rd March. They all had a variety of running, throwing or jumping events to take part in and every single one of them did themselves and Melland High School proud.

We took part in 35 events altogether and came away with 17 medals for 1st place, 8 for 2nd and 1 for 3rd prize medal. This is an absolutely fantastic result for all the students and our school as a whole.

They all worked immensely hard, tried their best and cheered each other and other schools on with enthusiasm and encouragement. It was a fantastic day.



Sale Sharks Community Trust is offering some brilliant activities for young people of all abilities. On offer there is mixed ability rugby at Aldwinians RUFC and inclusive tag rugby at Didsbury TOC H RUFC. Why not go along to take advantage of these great opportunities, keep fit and join in the fun. For more information go to: [www.melland.manchester.sch.uk/inclusive-rugby/](http://www.melland.manchester.sch.uk/inclusive-rugby/)



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# MELLAND STAR

SPRING TERM 2017

## BFET Academies Come Together



### Message from our Principal - Sue Warner

Our new BFET CEO John Stephens writes a weekly newsletter in which he asks for "honourable mentions" for members of the school community who have made an outstanding contribution to school life. In contributing to this I have had the pleasure of formally recognising the work of students, staff and governors and the involvement of parents and carers in the on-going success and development of our school.

This term's "mentions" have included such highlights as; Our fantastic Governors and the outstanding work they are doing led by Chris Beswick (Vice Chair) on governor self-evaluation and development;

Our amazing team of teachers and teaching assistants for their contribution to our successful quality assurance consultant visit. The whole school environment looked fantastic and really reflected this terms focus on numeracy. The consultants commented on our "outstanding learning community" and on staff's "honest, confident and reflective approach to school improvement"; The brilliant facilities team who went the extra mile to ensure GEV looked amazing prior to the team's arrival; Melland's excellent support team whose hard work and commitment to staff, students and particularly parents and carers is very much appreciated and valued; Students' outstanding achievements highlighted at the recent Progress Meetings and the much valued and supportive contribution from parents and carers.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in creating and sustaining Melland's exceptional learning community. Very happy holidays and I look forward to the exciting summer term ahead.



This term saw pupils from Melland High School joining together with other BFET pupils from Cedar Mount Academy, Rushbrook Primary Academy and Stanley Grove Primary Academy for the Gorton's Got Talent Showcase. All the pupils showed that they have star quality, look out XFactor here we come.

## Developing a Sensory Forest

Over the spring term we have been developing a curriculum specifically designed to meet the needs of learners with profound and multiple learning difficulties.

The Pre-formal Curriculum at Melland High School will be a holistic, process based, sensory curriculum focussing on developing student's communication and engagement through a range of rich experiences. Students from learner group 6 in Sixth Form worked together using a range of art, craft and sensory resources to produce an amazing winter environment.



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## Other School News

### Independence for Melland 6th Form Students



Three 6th form students have been making outstanding progress in their independent living skills. Robert has been developing his guided travel skills and has built up to the stage where he is now travelling independently using bus timetables and routes effectively. Robert said "I found it quite difficult at first but I stuck with it and I now feel really confident".

Declan is another student who has made outstanding progress recently after completing a three week placement at the Independence Development Services. This involved a residential stay developing skills in cooking, cleaning and travelling to shopping outlets. Declan said "It was a great experience and I would highly recommend it. I learnt so much".

One of our budding actors Derai has furthered his independent work portfolio following his recent appearance in Coronation Street and Our Girl. Derai has just finished filming for Holly Oaks. You can see the confidence this has given Derai and as it is paid work this has helped him pay for his driving lessons. This is a fantastic achievement and has made everyone so proud.

## BBC School News Report



On the 15th March Melland High School successfully broadcasted their BBC School News Report 2017. This is the 5th Year that our school has participated in this fantastic project with our business partner Clict Media.

The Media Crew have worked hard throughout the year gaining the skills needed to produce a high quality News Report. Not only is this a great opportunity for all our pupils to contribute News items but our Media Crew will put what they have learnt towards their City & Guilds qualification in Video Production Qualification. A big congratulations and thanks to all the pupils and staff who contributed ideas and video items to the report.



This years News Report reflected on some of the great work happening in our school. The English Groups have been studying China. Their report about the Great Race was informative and fun. They also produced a short film about this years Chinese New Year event in Manchester. The Daily Mile has been really successful and our pupils have all participated fully improving their health and wellbeing.

The KS3 & 4 Groups have been given an amazing opportunity to work with Sale Sharks learning skills in Wheelchair Rugby. Every week for 5 weeks working with their coach to improve skills in Rugby and team building. A big thankyou to Sale Sharks.

## Science Technology Engineering Math

Over the past 7 weeks Mr Barlow and his 4R group have been increasing their science knowledge by attending a series of events. For British Science week 4R learnt about new research in science by attending a lecture on Science and the impact on our health. They worked on a staged crime scene and attended the New Technologies Science Fair where they learnt about Robotics, and had a great hands-on experience of how robotics and science work together.



Mr Barlow explained "It's extremely important for our students to keep up with emerging technologies. In order to keep the curriculum relevant and current. We are committed to finding fun ways to learn, meet new people and have experiences outside of the classroom".

### Jodrell Bank Visit

On their visit to Jodrell Bank pupils learnt all about space and satellites in a totally immersive environment which gave all of our pupils a fantastic learning experience.



## CREST Egg Hatching Project

Melland High & Cedar Mount have been working collaboratively on the Egg Hatching project. The project looks at the life cycle of chickens hatching from incubators. Pupils were given the opportunity to use state of the art Thermal Imaging camera's to see inside the unhatched eggs. The pupils followed the whole incubation process right up to the actual hatching of the chicks, then they were then able to handle and feed them. All of the pupils who completed the project received a Certificate of Achievement.



Incubator



First Hatchling

## Parent/Carer Working Party Update

Melland Parents and Carers have continued to fully support our school this term. There was fantastic attendance at our coffee morning in February when Adam Rumble, Educational Psychologist from our highly valued BFET TaSS Team gave a very informative presentation on 'Sleep Issues'. Chris Beswick our vice chair of governors introduced himself, described the role of governors and took parent views.

Tara and Ann representatives from the Expert Patient Programme also gave an insightful talk and offered parents & carers the chance to sign up to one of their courses. For more details of the courses please contact VP Julie Barnett.

A Big Melland thank you to all the pupils, parents and carers, staff and partners from our BFET Academies for supporting our Autism Awareness coffee morning. Also thanks to the parents and carers who have attended Educational, Health and Care Plan meetings this term giving staff valuable information about their sons and daughters aspirations. Please come to our next parent carer coffee morning on May 18th 2017.

For information on the L.A. Local Offer please see our website or contact our Parent Champion, governor Cath Stone.

