

# The Lunch Times

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## Lunch 29 March 2006

Many thanks to **Peter Wells of Kua Consulting**, which is in the esoteric business of competence assessment centred on objective testing, who sponsored the March lunch. Peter, one of the original members of the Lunch Club when it was founded almost ten years ago, felt that it was time that he 'paid for the drinks' but, as competence assessment is well known to score low on the scale of universal interest (Peter's assertion, not mine!), he generously gave the floor to Paul Presland, Deputy Head of Mountfitchet High School, to talk of "**The Changing Face Of Mountfitchet High School**" which he did interestingly and to great effect.

Paul's message was that Mountfitchet High School is changing and changing rapidly. Jo Mullis, the Head, her staff and the Governors have worked tirelessly to raise educational standards since she arrived at the school a little over three years ago. GCSE results have shown a significant upward trend since 2003 and the school expects at least 55% of students to gain five or more passes at A\* to C grades this summer. This will be an increase of over 20% in three years.

Key Stage 2 to Key 3 results are even more impressive. The progress a child makes in the core subjects from the time they start at age11, to the time they transfer to Key Stage 4 at age14, puts the School in the top 3% of like schools in the country! With this high achievement pattern now developing with our younger students, the School is confident that even greater progress can be made at Key Stage 4.

The Local Education Authority also believes that the School is becoming a high achieving school and has recently endorsed the School's bid to become a specialist mathematics and computing college. With the help of the local community, the school has raised nearly £50k to support its application and, if successful, the new status will become live in September 2006. The School's website:

[www.mhs.myschools.net](http://www.mhs.myschools.net)

The lunch was attended by nearly 50 members. Amongst those attending their first lunch were: **Frank Beran** of The Bishop's Stortford High School; **Alan Dean**

of Uttlesford District Council; **Sally Irving**, of Stanley Tee (Tee France); **Kevin Loveridge and Staś Szemiako** of Allied Irish Bank; **Morrice Wells** of Truevision; and **Robert Wingate**, Chairman of Mountfitchet High School Governors

### [Lunch 31 May 2006](#)

Forget not that the next lunch will be held at the **Raddison SAS Hotel**, Stansted Airport, which has agreed to sponsor our May lunch. Many thanks to **Jo Calff** who is organising the occasion.

Invitations will be sent out towards the end of April. In the meantime information on the Radisson can be found on its website:

[www.stansted.radissonsas.com](http://www.stansted.radissonsas.com)

### [Bishop's Stortford Young Professionals \("BSYP"\)](#)

BSYP was set up as a local social network of young professionals in Bishops Stortford in March 2005 and has just celebrated its first birthday. It enables like-minded young professional people to meet socially on a regular basis in a friendly environment - they meet on the last Thursday of each month somewhere in Bishops Stortford. The next gathering is a Chinese Night sponsored by Mullucks Wells on Thursday 27 April and all are welcome.

Popcorn Web Design generously built their website, [www.bsyp.co.uk](http://www.bsyp.co.uk) where you can find full details of what they do and some telling photos of what they have done! New members are always welcome and if anyone would like more information contact another Richardson:

***Hugo Richardson of Sworders Agricultural on 01279 771188.***

### [Items of News / Interest](#)

If you have any items of interest or news that you would like communicated to members, please contact the Editor:

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### [Future Lunches](#)

Wednesdays

31 May 2006 – The Radisson SAS Hotel  
26 July 2006 – Sponsorship under discussion  
20 September 2006 – GE Sworder & Sons  
29 November 2006 – Sponsorship under discussion  
31 January 2007 – ***Sponsor needed***  
28 March 2007 – Sponsorship under discussion

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