

NEWSLETTER

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Summer Reading Challenge

Year 7 did a Summer Reading Challenge, which involved designing their own book covers and blurbs for their favourite books. These beautiful book covers are on display in the Library, and some spectacular designs will be framed and permanently displayed on the wall. Thank you to all Year 7 students that took part in the challenge!

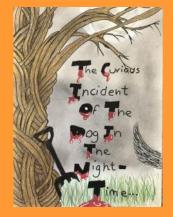


Mrs Carey, Librarian























Macmillan Coffee Morning Monday 1st October!

We are holding our annual BGS Macmillan Coffee Morning on Monday 1st October to raise money for this fantastic charity. Homemade cake donations would be greatly appreciated. Cakes can be handed in to reception on the day; please label the cake/containers so that they can be returned to you. There will also be some cakes on sale for students so they may want to bring some small change to school.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Gradley School Council / Charities Coordinator





A whole new word ~ Year 10 Week 4

English
History
Geography
MFL

Computer Science

P.E. Music Classics Art Biology

Chemistry

Physics

Drama

Business & Economics

Science: Investigative Skills

Brazier Miasma Rebranding Comparative Iteration Biomechanics

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Biomechanics Articulation

Chiasmus Semiotics Phloem

Covalent Bonding

Nuclear Reactor Systematic Error Foreshadowing

Flotation

Lost Water Bottles

If your son/ daughter has lost a water bottle since the beginning of term, please ask them to come to Reception. We have a growing number of them in lost property and would like to reunite them with their owners.

Thank you

Reception



News items you may have missed

BGS features in 'The Parliamentary Review'

Bexley Grammar School is delighted to feature prominently in this year's South and East London edition of the prestigious Parliamentary Review.

Read the story of our journey to becoming the only fully IB Sixth Form in a South East London borough and the tremendous boost that has given our school community. The story will circulate to all the schools in this region and to all members of parliament.

http://www.theparliamentaryreview.co.uk/editions/secondary-education/secondaryeducation-south-and-east-london

If you would like a hard copy of this publication, please ask at Reception.



The Rt Hon Theresa May MP The Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP The Rt Hon The Lord Blunkett

MSOUTH & EAST LONDON REPRESENTATIVES

Bexley Grammar School London Academy of Excellence Holy Family Catholic School & Rushcroft Foundation School Sixth Form

Emerson Park Academy Blackheath High School

Review of the Year Review of Parliament Mulberry School for Girls Kantor King Solomon High School City of London Academy Bonus Pastor Catholic College Plumstead Manor School

THE PARLIAMENTARY REVIEW Highlighting best practice

Bexley Grammar School





n September 2017, Bexley Grammar School (BGS) welcomed its first fully International Baccalaureate (IB) year 12 cohort. and in September 2018 welcomed its second, making its sixth form the only fully IB sixth form in a South East London borough. BGS no longer teaches A levels, which have been offered

since the school opened in 1955. This bold change feels even

more prescient now than it did when governors agreed to the

his school's story demonstrates that all school leaders should

tables and the plethora of initiatives thrust upon them.

have the courage to follow the evidence of which curriculum is

best for their children, even if it goes against the grain of league

transition eight years ago. Head teacher Stephen Elphick believes

- » Head teacher: Stephen Elphick
- » Founded in 1955
- » Based in Welling, Bexley
- » Type of school: Mixed selective school, state-funded
- » No. of students: 1,400, including a sixth form of 460
- » No. of teaching staff: 105
- total, 90 full time equivalent » Pupil premium: 10 per cent
- » EAL: 20 per cent
- » Ofsted: "Outstanding"
- » The only fully IB sixth form in a
- southeast London borough » Oxbridge acceptance rate is
- school in Rexley » www.bexleygs.co.uk

BGS surprises visitors who have fixed expectations about what a selective school feels like. We are proud to take a diverse range of able students from primary school, through a rich curriculum and broad extracurricular life, to many of the most prestigious universities in the world. Our outstanding academic record speaks for itself and we are heavily over-subscribed. One would expect nothing less from a grammar school. Yet every visitor to our school comments first upon the warmth of the student-staff relationships in our vibrant community, and secondly on our outstanding academic achievement. The school always caters to the strengths of individuals as well as striving for academic excellence. It is this positive culture, rooted in the history of our school, that opened the door to the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP), the natural progression from our students' mastery of our broad and challenging GCSE curriculum.

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FRIDAY 12th OCTOBER 2018 DOORS OPEN 7pm for a 7.30pm START TICKETS £5 PER PERSON MAX. 8 PER TEAM BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINK

BGS PA – Quiz Team Application

Pupils Name: F	Form:
Parents Name:	
Number of People Attending @ £5	pp, total paid £
Email address:	

Please complete the attached form and return in an envelope with cash or cheque*; addressed to BGS PA QUIZ and post in the PA post box in the school reception.

*Cheques to be made payable to BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL PA

(Once payment is received you will be mailed with your table number)

Recycle with Michael

In the run up to half term, Reception is running another Recycle with Michael competition for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 to help raise funds for the school. We have an on-site Salvation Army Recycle Clothing Bin and students should have each received a bag in which to place any unwanted items of clothing or shoes. Each class will have the weight of bags recorded and the week before half term the highest weight will win a tin of sweets to share. The Salvation Army does a lot of great work with the homeless, elderly and others in need. The money raised from the sale of the clothing we recycle helps with this and we also get a share for the school. If students from the upper school would like participate they can collect a bag from Reception. Bags should be returned to Reception.

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Beasley & Mrs Denyer



Parent Pay Daily Limit

Please note that, following several requests, the daily limit on your child's spending in the canteen has been increased to £6.50 for students in Years 7-11.

If you wish to reduce this for your child(ren), please contact the school using accounts@bexleygs.co.uk

with 'Canteen' in the subject line.

Thank you.

Finance Team



Forthcoming Events

September

Friday 28th ~ PA BBQ for Year 7 7pm— 10pm (Amended time)

October

Tuesday 2nd ~ Year 13 Parents' Evening 4pm - 6.30pm Wednesday 3rd ~ No Pens Day

Tuesday 9th ~ Year 11 Parents' Evening 4pm - 6.30pm
Thursday 11th ~ Prospective New Year 7 open morning 8.45am - 10.45am
Friday 12th ~ PA Quiz Night (Information to follow)

Monday 15th ~ Year 11 Work Experience week begins

Tuesday 16th ~ Prospective New Year 7 open morning 8.45am - 10.45am

~ Prospective New Year 7 open evening 5pm - 8pm

Thursday 18th ~ Power (ECM) Day 1

Friday 19th ~ Last school day before half term

Monday 22^{nd} - Friday 26^{th} ~ Half Term

Monday 29th ~ First day back to school after half term

November

Tuesday 20th ~ Sixth Form Open Evening for internal students only 5.30pm - 8pm