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Young Enterprise Win Again! See inside for details ➡

Parenting the Demanding Generation:

A Talk by Dr Aric Sigman

Bexley Grammar School

Tuesday 23rd May 2017, 6.00pm – 7.30pm

Tickets £5.00



We are pleased to announce that Dr Aric Sigman, Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology, Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society and a Chartered Scientist, will be in school on Tuesday 23rd May working with students on *Managing Screen Time*, and in the evening will give a talk to parents on *Parenting the Demanding Generation*. Based on his book *The Spoilt Generation*, Dr Sigman will discuss the role of 'authoritative' parenting, as set down in a large scale study and review by the Institute of Education, and its role in shaping "better-adjusted, more competent children...at different developmental periods including pre-school, school age and adolescence."

Dr Sigman comes highly recommended to us by Fontainebleau International School as an engaging and thought provoking speaker who raises awareness of current issues affecting our children's development and well-being. He will discuss how parents and 'extended parents', other figures of authority in our children's lives, have an important role to play in shaping their ability to successfully navigate a path through the demands of our ever-changing world. By challenging the common misconception that authority versus sensitivity, love and compassion are mutually exclusive, Dr Aric's talk emphasises the importance of a more joined up approach to parenting today. For more information you can visit his website: www.aricsigman.com

We are pleased to offer this opportunity to hear Dr Sigman's talk on *Parenting the Demanding Generation* to parents and carers of children in schools within the Penhill Trust. Please book early to avoid disappointment as places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and are limited. Please visit <https://yourboxoffice.co.uk/events> and search for Bexley Grammar School or the event name, *Parenting the Demanding Generation*, to book your ticket. Please note that this is a talk for parents and carers only.

Ms Hanington, Assistant Head

It's Official, Chameleon Dental - Best Company in East London!

Oops, we did it again! On the 4th May 2017, 5 members of Bexley Grammar's Chameleon Dental competed in Citi Bank, Canary Wharf against the qualifiers of the regional finals for Young Enterprise's Best company in East London. They were Tyreece Jacobs, Shyon Gredley, Samson Co, Swechha Kansakar and Irgena Dibra. We were required to produce a report, trade stand and presentation of our product which we presented to a large audience and a panel of judges. After an immense, nerve racking competition came the awards ceremony. Best overall company in East London is the award that provides the place in the next stage of the competition and therefore is the most prestigious award. Chameleon Dental sat silently as other teams were given awards for best report/presentation and trade stand. Along came the best overall company award... Hearts were pumping and blood was racing as the judge proudly called 'Chameleon Dental' and after all the anxiety had built up in me, when I heard our company I literally thought I was dreaming. Luckily, I wasn't. We had really won the Best Overall Company in East London.

We look forward to the next stage, which will be the UK finals, to be held at the HSBC bank in Canary Wharf. We currently have two prototypes of our product. One is an eco-friendly version and another is a plastic chameleon shaped brush. They are both colour changing toothbrushes designed to provide children with an incentive to brush their teeth for the required 2 minutes. The brushes contain a strip of Thermochromic material which responds to heat by displaying wild colours.

I am proud of how far the team have come and can truly say, partaking in Young Enterprise has been an amazing experience and I really would encourage students to take part in similar educational programmes. We are truly grateful to have such a supportive school.

If you would like to see more about who we are and our product our website is:

www.chameleondental.wordpress.com.

If you would like to purchase one of our Thermochromic brushes contact us via email:

chameleonbrushes@gmail.com

Tyreece Jacobs, Year 12

Managing Director of Chameleon Dental



I am incredibly proud to announce Chameleon Dental as the Best Company in East London. They were truly fantastic and the place was alive with discussion of their product. The team, and especially these five competing members, worked incredibly hard in the lead up to this competition and it really has paid off. They are the second team from Bexley to have ever reached the London final of the company competition - the first being last year's team with their 'Man Can'. An outstanding achievement, well done and congratulations to all involved.

Miss Wood, Young Enterprise Coordinator

KS5 visit to Siena Italy

April 1st, the departure day. We arrived at the airport early in the morning; everyone tired but apprehensive about the trip. After checking through the bags and scattering for a brief time to grab some breakfast we headed to our gate. Once at the gate it was moved to the other side of the airport... great start to the trip. Luckily the dynamics of the group kept everyone's spirits high with some top quality banter. The flight was quick as well as the train journeys after. Finally, in Siena. Our partners greeted us at the station with big smiles and were ecstatic to have us there, after settling into our houses and meeting the families we all met up again in the town centre and went to a restaurant typical of Siena. The food was amazing and there's so much of it! We had a 'primo piatto' (first dish, like a starter) with bread and various meats and cheeses, then 'la carne' (meat dish, like a main course); we had this same style of dining every night whilst in Siena; it was just the Italian way.

During the trip we visited Pisa and Florence as well as Siena, in all the cities, there were lots of cathedrals and museums as there was so much history. Also lots of ancient churches and paintings; not to mention the intricate architecture and facades of the buildings which were stunning to look at. The biggest cathedral ('duomo' in Italian) was the one in Florence which was very popular. We had a guided tour around it and learnt lots of interesting Italian history.

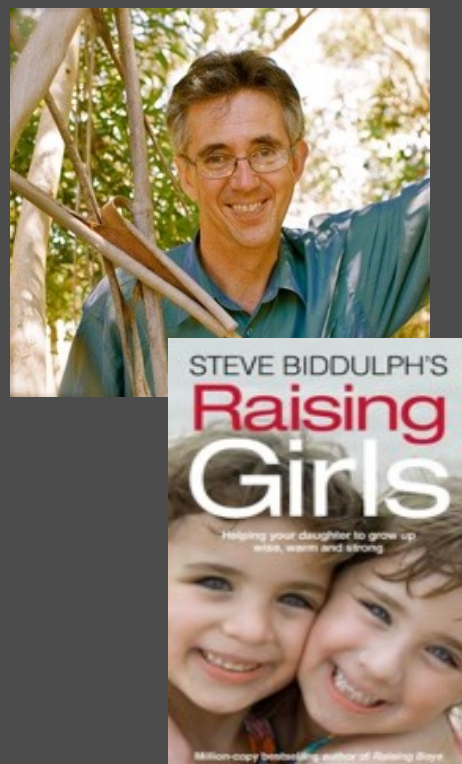
The trip was an enjoyable and beneficial learning opportunity coupled with an equally fun holiday. The people, the food, and the atmosphere of Italy is incredible. Highly recommend this trip.

Liam Ballantine, Year 12



Raising Girls

"**Raising Girls**", a talk by internationally-acclaimed writer Steve Biddulph, is taking place on **Monday 15th May** in the new Theatre. Entrance is by ticket only as the event is sold out. No tickets will be available on the door.



Doors open at **6.30pm** along the side of the school building. You will be directed by stewards to park in the upper car park, on the right of the school as you look at it. Before the talk, there will be refreshments on sale in the brand new sixth form study area, and a chance to purchase some of Steve's books *at special discounted event prices*. The talk starts at 7.30pm and will finish at approximately 9.00pm. Remember please that no children will be allowed in the talk, as per all previous publicity.

Peer Mentor Training Day

On the 3rd May, sixteen of us were off timetable to attend a full day of training for the role of Peer Mentor next year. The training was held at the Brewer's Fayre in Sidcup, and lasted from 9:30 until around 4:10. The day consisted of a variety of exercises and sessions, ranging from Interpersonal Skills, to Values, Beliefs and Attitudes, to Boundaries and Confidentiality.



Personally, I found it all very informative, and it really opened my eyes to the role of the Peer Mentor. The new Peer Mentors are, from left to right: Kristina Goh, Isobel Kaul, Molly Johnson, Stephanie Tame, Samantha King, Millie Plumpton, Jacob Mills, Joshua Coleman, Eleanor Jenkins, Ted Gitagama, Orla McDermott, Catherine Nuqui, Ellie Barnes, Adam Dykes, Vansh Asher and Arjun Matharu.

Adam Dykes, Year 12

Library News

Readathon

Our students got reading and raised £192 for charity



Precious Oladimeji, Mia Chan, Erin Godbold, Megan Lisle, Dhiyanick Gautam, Max Armstrong Moulinie, Favour Amurukonye, George Kirby, Hannah Monksfield and Martha Nobbs took part in a sponsored read to raise money for Readathon, a charity which provides books to children in hospitals. They raised a spectacular £192! Well done and keep up the reading!

Mrs Carey

BGS Shadowers

What we've done this week:

This week we continued working on our videos from last week, which (if we can keep a straight face) should be posted soon. As usual, we reviewed the books we had read that week, and our webpage allowed people to show their support via our poll. Up until the 3rd May, *Salt To The Sea* was winning, however, since then *The Smell Of Other Peoples Houses* has taken the lead. On a different note, snacks this week consisted of muffins, strawberries and blueberries, with cookies hinted for next week (yum!)



Brook Lord & Olivia Harry, Year 8

Examinations News

Year 11 Students

Please click on the link below to view Mrs Boulden's letter which contains details of arrangements for the last day, study leave and other important dates for your diary.

[Year 11 Last arrangements Day and Study Leave](#)

Year 12 A Level Students

Please click on the link below to view the **updated Part i examination timetable**. (change of venue for French, Spanish and German Paper 1's. All now in L10).

[Year 12 Part i's Examination Timetable](#)



PE News

BGS vs Colfe's Tennis

Well done to all the students who took part in our first Tennis fixtures of the year vs Colfe's over a couple of evenings in the last week. Wins for the Year 7 boys, Year 10 girls and Year 9 and 10 boys, with only a single defeat for the Year 8 girls represented an outstanding start to the competition. We can't wait for the next matches.

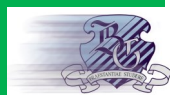
Mr Lines



Girls' Summer Touch Rugby

The sessions are FREE for 8 weeks starting on 7th June.

Mr Mackle



Year 12 IB Biology & ESS trip to Flatford Mill November 2017

Most of our Biologists and Environmental Systems and Societies students will be going on a field trip in November. Please could parents of these students be aware that the next instalment of £55.38 is due on May 26th via Parent Pay.

There are also a few students who still have medical information and code of conduct forms still to be completed. Please could these be completed as a matter of urgency. Links to these can be found on the letter confirming the student's place sent via Parent Mail.

Many thanks

Mrs Earl



Forthcoming Events

May

Monday 15th ~ "Raising Girls", a talk by Steve Biddulph, doors open 6.30 pm, in the new Theatre (SOLD OUT)

Thursday 18th ~ Key Stage 3 Showcase, 6.00 pm in the Hall
(tickets available on the door)

Tuesday 23rd ~ Parenting the Demanding Generation:
A Talk by Dr Aric Sigman, 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm

Monday 29th ~ Half Term

June

Monday 5th ~ First day after the Half Term

Thursday 8th ~ UCAS Information Evening, 6.30 pm in the Hall

Saturday 10th ~ Sports Day & Summer Fayre (normal school day for students)

Monday 12th ~ Day off in lieu of Sports Day/Summer Fayre

Friday 16th ~ ECM Day



We're Collecting Vouchers!

It's that time of the year again
when we collect Sainsbury's
Active Kids Vouchers.

Please send them in to School
and ask your child to deposit
them in the box by Reception.

Thank you





Wanted!

Old, broken or simply unwanted crockery (china) to be used in Year 12's "smash the crockery" stall at this year's Summer Fayre on 10th June. Please bring any crockery to the main Reception.

Thank you!



News Items You May Have Missed

Key Stage 3 Showcase! Thursday 18th May

This concert will feature our lower school musicians from Years 7 - 9. Students are invited to audition for a slot as a soloist or as part of a small group. Auditions will be 9th and 10th May, and they should apply via the BGS Performing Arts website:

Performing Arts KS3 Showcase

Our Junior ensembles (Junior Jazz, Junior Choir and Junior Orchestra) will also be performing in this concert!

Miss Swadkin



China Trip

For current students in Years 9 - 12

The Modern Languages Department would like to open up the invitation to all current Year 9 - 12 students who would like to join the trip to China from 18th to 27th July 2018. The trip itinerary includes:

Beijing: Days 1 - 3

Depart UK on 18th July 2018

Day 1: 19th July 2018

Beijing Arrival (L/D) B: Breakfast
L: Lunch D: Dinner

Pick up at airport and transfer to Hotel. Afternoon, we will visit Prince Gong mansion. Have Beijing Roast duck as welcome dinner. Evening activity: Acrobatic show.

Day 2: 20th July 2018

Beijing (B/L/D)
Full day trip to the Great Wall Mutianyu Section (Cable car included) and Olympic Stadium (outside)

Day 3: 21st July 2018

Beijing (B/L/D)
Full day trip to the Tiananmen Square, The Forbidden City, Jingshan Park and Summer Palace. Evening activity: Kungfu show.

Xi'an: Days 4 - 6

Day 4: 22nd July 2018

Beijing - Xi'an (B/L/D) Morning, Visit Temple of Heaven in Beijing. After lunch, take high speed train to Xi'an. Arrive Xi'an, be transferred to the hotel.

Day 5: 23rd July 2018

Xi'an (B/L/D)
Xi'an city tour: Bell Tower and Drum Tower Plaza, The Big Wild Goose Pagoda, Ancient City Wall, Shaanxi History Museum and Muslim Quarter.

Day 6: 24th July 2018

Xi'an - Shanghai (B/L/D)
We will visit the Terra-Cotta Warriors and Horses and Emperor Qinshihuang Mausoleum. After tour, be transferred to the train station for overnight train to Shanghai. (Soft sleepers, 4 per cabin)

Shanghai: Days 7 - 8

Day 7: 25th July 2018

Shanghai Arrival (B/L/D)
Arrive Shanghai, be met and transferred to hotel to have a rest. Then we start today's city tour. We will visit Yu Garden, Tianzifang, 100th floor SWFC Observatory, Old French Concession & Old Street and Bund.

Day 8: 26th July 2018

Shanghai - Suzhou (B/L/D)
Full day trip to Suzhou: Lingering Garden, Tiger Hill and Grand Canal.

27th July 2018 Shanghai Exit (B)
Be transferred to the airport for the flight back home.

This promises to be an incredible opportunity for anyone interested in Chinese culture, or simply travelling - students do not need to be studying Chinese in order to partake. The trip will cost in the region of £1909.22 for everything. **A deposit of £300.00** must be paid online via ParentPay immediately. Please contact the Finance Office to add your child's name to this trip or email at bgstrips@bexleygs.co.uk

Mrs Lu, Modern Foreign Languages

