



# Summer Fayre Success!



A huge thank you to the Parents' Association and all the members of our community who made the Summer Fayre such a success.

The Sports Events were organised brilliantly by the PE Department and competitors knew exactly where they should be thanks to the Heads of House and House Captains.

The Parents' Association had beautifully printed programmes and collected almost £2,000 of raffle prizes.

Huge fun was had on all the stalls running games and the food stalls offered the usual incredible quality. The Classic Car Show and the Dog Show were also highlights of the day!

The result of everyone's efforts was an impressive £7,100 of funds raised (and a few sunburned faces - something we haven't had for a number of years!).

Planning has already started for next year, which promises to be even bigger - watch this space!

Many thanks

**Mrs Sword, Assistant Head**



## Year 12 Geography, Urban Challenge

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, an intra-school competition was held amongst the majority of the Year 12 A Level and IB geography students, whereby a number of teams had each proposed a plan of rejuvenation for the town of 'Elham' with the help from and advice of 'Urban Planning.'

Over a series of planning and preparation meetings at lunchtimes and after school, the teams not only had to discuss how each part of their design would affect the various residents of Elham but also improve the sustainability of the area, and keep the financial costs to a minimum!

The actual presentation was then held in front of a judge panel, made up of several experienced planners and designers from London-based development companies. Every team had put in a huge amount of effort and showed true thoughtfulness to the residents of Elham and why it is important for our towns to be kept sustainable. The winners of the competition won a trip to City Hall in London, which they were thrilled about.

Overall, on behalf of everybody involved, we can safely say that we are extremely grateful to the visitors from Urban Planning and also Ms Rock for allowing us this really enjoyable opportunity; we will be able to develop our geography skills and use it as a taster for possible job pathways in the future!



Tom Cast, Olivia Ironmonger, Eva Williams & Molly Lucas, Year 12



The winning team at BGS were the above students who put together an excellent proposal for the redevelopment and community use of Elham and made a detailed summary board.

All groups worked well to produce a costed and planned development using financial software and planning programmes as well as physical built resources to show what Elham would actually look like.

The judges were especially impressed with the quality of their group working and decision-making skills.

Unfortunately, Molly Johnson, Bridget Eke, Isobel Kaul and Olivia Clarkson were unable to attend the final presentation but they put together an excellent presentation which we videoed and sent to the judge.

The judge was very impressed with the clarity of their decision-making process and the quality of their explanations throughout the presentation.

So congratulations to all who took part, but especially Tom Cast, Olivia Ironmonger, Eva Williams and Molly Lucas.

Ms Rock, Geography Department

## BGS student reaches Nihongo Cup National Japanese Speech Contestant Final!

Bexley Grammar School is proud to be home to a whole host of students with a variety of talents. One such student is George Amis in Year 9 who is preparing for the final of the Japanese speaking competition organized and supported by Japan Foundation and Japanese Embassy. There is no doubt that George is one of the most talented Key Stage 3 Japanese speakers in the UK.



The Nihongo Cup is an annual speech competition for secondary school students in which you have to write a short speech in Japanese based on a particular theme. This year's theme for Key Stage 3 category is "My Ideal holiday". George believes that travelling is not only for enjoyment but also for finding himself and he decided to speak about his dream to live and teach in Ethiopia to help deprived people there in the future.

George will compete on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June at Conway Hall, London (12.30pm - 4.30pm). Please give a cheer for him!

Mrs Everett, Modern Languages

## Music News

### BGS Jazz Evening – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, 7.00pm

We cordially invite you to the Music Department's final event of what has proved to be a superbly busy year: the Jazz Evening, on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 7pm in the school Hall. Featuring the 'Big Band Theory', BGS Improv group, and Junior Jazz, directed by Mr Laing, the evening will also feature some special performances from the group going on tour to Holland the following week, who will be previewing their tour programme. It promises to be an evening not to be missed!

Seating will be informal, unreserved and around tables with eight seats each. Please do bring food and drinks to enjoy during the concert.

Tickets for this Bexley Grammar School Fundraising Event are available online at [www.yourboxoffice.co.uk](http://www.yourboxoffice.co.uk) where you should choose Bexley Grammar School from the 'Producer' menu. Once you have purchased your tickets, simply print out the confirmation and bring it with you to the concert. Tickets cost £5.50 per adult and £4.00 for children/concessions.



### Spamalot Tickets

Lovingly ripped off from the classic film comedy MONTY PYTHON AND THE HOLY GRAIL, '**SPAMALOT**' retells the legend of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table, and features many comical situations and bizarre events, including coconuts, flying cows, killer rabbits, and French people! The 2005 Broadway production won three Tony Awards, including "Best Musical," and received 14 Tony Award nominations. Like the film, it is a highly irreverent parody of the Arthurian Legend, but it differs from the film in many ways. One of the musical's creators, Eric Idle, explained the title in a February 2004 press release: "*I like the title 'Spamalot' a lot. We tested it with audiences on my recent US tour and they liked it as much as I did, which is gratifying... It comes from a line in the movie which goes: "we eat ham, and jam, and Spam a lot."*

The Python phenomenon developed from the television series into something larger in scope and impact, including touring stage shows, films, numerous albums, several books, and a stage musical, and the group's influence on comedy has been compared to the Beatles' influence on music. Our show is a specially produced schools' edition, and can be enjoyed on many levels. However, the show is probably most suited to older children.

**The show will take place at 7.00pm on each of the following nights:  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Initially, tickets will be on sale, only for Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. The performance on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July will be a Gala Performance, following a special viewing of the A level Art Exhibition at 6pm. Therefore, there will only be a limited number of tickets available for this night and they will not be released for sale to the general public until a fortnight before the show.

We anticipate all four nights shows selling out very quickly, so please ensure you book your tickets early. Seating is allocated, and please note that we cannot re-allocate or change ticket orders once seating has been assigned. Refreshments will be served in the interval by our school PA and the World Challenge teams.

Tickets for this fundraising event are now available to buy online, please go to <https://yourboxoffice.co.uk> and choose Bexley Grammar School from the 'Producer' menu. Once you have purchased your tickets, simply print out the confirmation and bring it with you to the show. Tickets cost £8.50 per adult and £6.50 for children/concessions.

Miss Swadkin, Director



## Forthcoming Events

### June

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>** ~ Sixth Form Induction Day

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>** ~ Sixth Form Induction Day

### July

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>** ~ Spamalot Production

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>** ~ **Gala Evening** including Art & Design Exhibition & Spamalot Production

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>** ~ Spamalot Production

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup>** ~ Spamalot Production

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** ~ BGS Jazz Evening 7.00pm

## Lost Property



Reception has lots of school jumpers in lost property none of which have names in them. If any parents would like one or two for next year please feel free to contact us, they are in good condition and just need to be washed. Please e-mail us at [reception@bexleygs.co.uk](mailto:reception@bexleygs.co.uk).

Thank you,

*Mrs Beasley, Reception*

## News Items You May Have Missed

### Year 9 Immunisations

On 19<sup>th</sup> June, the Immunisation team will be in school doing DTP and Meningitis injections for Year 9 Students. Forms will be given out to students in class this week, so please could you fill it in and return to reception as soon as possible, even if your child is not having them. If you require an electronic copy of the form please e-mail me at [beasley\\_v@bexleygs.co.uk](mailto:beasley_v@bexleygs.co.uk) and I will forward it to you.

Many Thanks,

*Mrs Beasley, Reception*



### Year 11 News

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

**[Year 11 Important information & dates for the diary](#)**