



Library Assistants visit the Harry Potter Exhibition

As we work in the Library, which is a magical place, we were fortunate enough to go to the Harry Potter exhibition in London. The day began early as we departed from school. We were accompanied by 3 amazing teachers (Mrs Carey, Miss Ramsden and Mr Griffin/Mr Gryffindor!) and 25 students ranging from Years 7-10.

As we arrived at the fantastic exhibition, all around us were original artefacts, having some sort of connection to Harry Potter and magic, such as cauldrons, broomsticks, paintings and crystal balls. As well as this, we had a knowledgeable tour guide named Jeneba. We were shown around the exhibition, with lots of different rooms to do with the lessons that were taught at Hogwarts, such as Herbology, Defence Against the Dark Arts, Charms, Potions, Divination and Care of Magical Creatures. We had activity sheets that we had to fill in. For example, we had to make our own potions and spells. Our favourite activity was when we had to create our own magical creatures. My creature was an owlycorn (an owl and a unicorn) and Daniel's was a hippocorn (a hippogrif and a unicorn). Everyone had such an amazing time at the exhibition and we would all like to say thank you to the teachers that took us!

Grace Taylor & Daniel Austin, Year 7



I had the pleasure of taking 25 Library Assistants to the Harry Potter exhibition at the British Library, as a reward to say thank you for all of their hard work in the School Library over the last year. The exhibition was called 'Harry Potter - A History of Magic' and was a chance to see rare books, manuscripts and magical objects from the British Library's collection. The students were able to see original drafts and drawings by J.K. Rowling and illustrator Jim Kay, both on display for the first time. The students enjoyed creating their own beauty potions from lemon juice and horse dung, creating spells to have eternal knowledge and the ability to complete their homework instantly, and they particularly enjoyed telling the future in the Divination room, using crystal balls, tarot cards and palm reading. By the end of the exhibition we had 25 witches and wizards ready to bring some magic back to the Library at BGS!



Mrs Carey, School Librarian

Harry Potter Library Art Competition



**Are you a wonderful mixture of book worm and artist?
If so, we need you!**

**We would love to have a sign above the Library door
with the following Harry Potter quote:**

"Because that's what Hermione does," said Ron, shrugging.
"When in doubt, go to the Library".

- J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets



**Please submit any ideas for a
beautiful sign on A4 paper to
Mrs Carey by 30th November.**

**The chosen winner will then
make the sign on a much
larger scale, and this will be
hung in the Library. They will
also receive a signed copy of
Monster by Michael Grant.**

Oliver Twist

2 Weeks to go!

Christmas Drama Production of *Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist*

Ladies and Gentlemen! Step right up, for the wondrous R10 Theatre is being opened for public performances by presenting Neil Bartlett's adaptation of the classic: *Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist*. It is filled with all the Street Urchins, Musical Hall performance, Victoriana and pickpocketing you'd expect! But there is more: Marvel at the incredible lighting effects afforded to us in the new space; enjoy the amazing tiered seating; sample the delightful themed treats in the interval (Artful Jammy Dodger, anyone?) all presented with the physical theatre and ensemble movement you've come to expect from a BGS school play!

All the Light Design, Sound Design, Costume Design, Musical Composition and a great deal of the direction and choreography has come from pupils at the school. This is a wonderful chance to celebrate the amazing talents of the pupils at the school.

Thursday 30th November, 7.30pm

Friday 1st December will be a special gala performance to open the R10 Theatre officially (arrive early for a short reception) 7.00pm

Monday 4th December will include a celebration of the pupils' work after the show, including some awards and brief speeches. 7.30pm

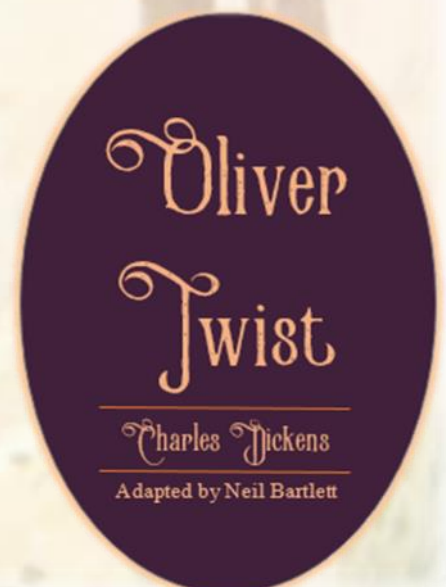
Act fast as we expect this fundraising event to sell out quickly (especially the Friday night)!

Tickets for this Bexley Grammar School Drama Department Fundraising Event cost £8.50 (adults) and £6 (concessions), and are available in advance only. Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets.

Please note - the play is in the R10 Theatre and not the Hall, as in previous years. Please enter the school through the top gate/top car park nearest the roundabout, and walk down to the R block entrance at the end of the car park.

Drama Department and the Production Team

Click [here](#) to view the Oliver Twist trailer created by Katherine Beeching, Chloe Dominy, Chelsy Goodrich and Ijaz Fayaz.



What's new at Geography club "Passport to the World"

The second term brings two new activities in our club

We have taken over two planters around the school and planted bulbs ready for the spring. We are also going to grow giant sunflowers for a club competition in the spring and are thinking of some international vegetables. The project is in its early days, but we are super excited and are looking forward to seeing our plants thrive and grow.



Watch out, there is a globe about!

There is going to be a new competition in school. This involves following the clues to find mini globes that we are going to hide all over the school. Will you be able to find them?

We also continue to make globes and eat biscuits. If you would like to come along and join in then you need to be in M17, Mondays from 3.05pm.



Bexley Grammar School & Bexley Borough Cycling Initiatives

Are you thinking about taking up cycling this school year? Maybe one day a week for your commute, cycle to school or just for leisure. Whether it's for fun, fitness or you just want an easy way to get around, there's lots of help available from Bexley council to get you back in the saddle. If you live, work or study in Bexley, finding out if cycling suits you has never been easier.

Free cycle lessons

For adults, Bexley offers:

- Free, tailored courses to suit individual abilities and goals
- A free, tailored session and practice in a safe off-road environment with a fully qualified instructor
- GET BOB (back on bikes) - if you haven't been on a bike for some time and need to get back into cycling, this is the perfect way to improve your confidence and skills
- A free group session to improve your urban (on-road) cycling skills
- A free one-to-one session from a fully qualified trainer to perfect your advanced cycling skills
- Free family cycling sessions to gain confidence and learn skills to cycle as a family

For students, Bexley offers:

- Sessions to gain confidence and learn skills to cycle safely; with many run here at BGS in the school holidays
- Working to get cycling proficiency levels
- Cycling sessions in school on ECM days
- A bike maintenance workshop in the summer term in school

The council also runs a bike loan scheme.

For more information please contact Ms Rock for in school events and the links below for the borough.

<http://www.bexley.gov.uk/cycling>

Email: roadsafetyeducation@bexley.gov.uk

Telephone: 020 8303 7777



Music News

On Friday 10th November everyone at BGS took part in various assemblies and form time activities for Remembrance Day. At 11am, we all paused for the two minute silence, to remember the moment that the armistice was signed, **and to acknowledge the fallen soldiers of WWI, WWII and the 12,000 Brits who have died in combat since 1945.** Traditionally, this silence is broken by a bugler playing The Last Post. This year, we had three trumpeters who performed this in different locations around the school. Well done to Katie Henderson (10MCA), Charlie Keeling (8RF) and James Warren (8JMP) for playing so musically and sensitively. It is not an easy job to know you're being listened to by hundreds of people, and made even harder when you are standing outside in the wind and rain!



Miss Swadkin, Head of Music

KS5 Showcase DATE CHANGE!

We have had to change the date of the KS5 Showcase due to a clash in Hall bookings; it will now take place on **Tuesday 28th November at 6pm.**

Tickets will be on sale just on the day, please come along and support our Sixth Form musicians!

On Sale Now

Tickets for the Christmas Concert (Tuesday 5th December) and the Music Department Quiz Night (Saturday 3rd February) are on sale now. Please click on the link to purchase your tickets.

<https://yourboxoffice.co.uk/events?search=bexley>.

House Cookery 2017 Intermediate Competition

The brief this year was to make a Chocolate Victoria Sponge. Competitors were judged on competency, cleanliness and organisation of work area and then the taste and appearance of the final product.

The judges this year were Mr Elphick and Mr Reynolds.

Results:

Wellman 1st,
Kirkman 2nd,
Mabbs 3rd,
Prothero and **Johnson** equal 4th
Collins 6th.

Mrs Snelling, House Leader



Library News

The Library now has a Twitter account! Please follow us **@BexleyGSLibrary** to find out about any events or competitions that we are running, and updates from our reading groups.

Mrs Carey, Librarian



Young Enterprise at Disney Headquarters, Hammersmith

On Monday 6th November, Bogna and I and represented the Young Enterprise team and headed up to Disney Headquarters in Hammersmith. After admiring the offices and chatting with other students in the same position as ourselves, we attended an extremely informative talk from prestigious members of the world famous company. They each discussed key elements contributing to business success, particularly in regard to marketing. This was highly engaging, and I found myself noting down more of their expert advice than I had expected! Once the talk ended, we were taken through to a lobby area where refreshments were provided and we had a chance to speak to those who gave the talks, who were just as lovely as expected. Overall, it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience, which helped to further my knowledge and that I believe will benefit our team a lot!



Roisin Beard, Year 12

Christmas Shopping Evening

Bexley Grammar School
Danson Lane, Welling

Gifts
Decorations
Clothes
Jewellery
Skin Care
Homemade Fudge
Cards
PixelPix Art
Refreshments

Thursday 23rd November - 7pm **Adults £2 (kids free)**

The poster features a background image of a snowy forest with a person dressed as Santa Claus standing next to a large Christmas tree. The text is overlaid on this image.

Forthcoming Events

November

Tuesday 21st ~ Sixth Form Open Evening (Internals)

Monday 27th ~ ECM Day 2

Tuesday 28th ~ KS5 Showcase 6.00pm (see Music notice – **Please note this is the new date for performance**)

Thursday 30th ~ Oliver Production 7.00pm (see notice)

December

Friday 1st ~ Oliver Production 7.00pm (see notice)

Monday 4th ~ Oliver Production 7.00pm (see notice)

Tuesday 5th ~ Christmas Concert 6.00pm (see Music notice)

Friday 8th ~ Closing date for Sixth Form applications

Thursday 14th ~ Christmas Dinner in the canteen

Wednesday 20th ~ Last Day of the Autumn Term

January 2018

Wednesday 3rd ~ Inset Day (School Closed to Students)

Thursday 4th ~ Inset Day (School Closed to Students)

Friday 5th ~ Inset Day (School Closed to Students)

Monday 8th ~ First School day after the Christmas holiday