



## Stephen Hawking 8<sup>th</sup> January 1942 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**"The past, like the future, is indefinite and exists only as a spectrum of possibilities." - Stephen Hawking**

Steven Hawking (a British Scientist) famed mostly for his work on black holes passed away at his home in Cambridge peacefully on the 14th March 2018, aged 76. During his lifetime, he was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis and was told he only had 2 - 3 years to live, but managed to live to 76. He achieved a longer future to help the world so he ran far beyond the small spectrum. His positivity and hard work will continue to have a positive impact on the world forever.

*Richith Alahakone, Year 8*

**"We are just an advanced breed of monkeys on a minor planet of a very average star. But we can understand the Universe. That makes us something very special." - Stephen Hawking**

Stephen Hawking was a genius. He was the first person to discover the true secret of black holes and that it is possible to see them, however not with the naked eye. He was and still is a role model for all scientists. He was just 21 when he was diagnosed with motor-neuron disease. A deadly disease which attacks the brains and nerves causing weakness in the upper body. Stephen was told he would have a short life. He developed theories about black holes and the big bang, after this he was accepted into the royal society, but was so weak that people thought that he wouldn't be working for long. Later that same year (1974) he created his contribution to Science... Hawking radiation. He continued working until 2009 when he decided to retire knowing that his work helped the world of science progress further. He said that everything that happened after he was diagnosed was a bonus to his life...

*Matthew Faulkner, Year 8*

## Young Art in Bexley Exhibition Prizes for BGS Art Students

Josh Morris and Max Dawkins were awarded a 3D prize for outstanding work in the 42<sup>nd</sup> Exhibition of Young Art in Bexley competition in Hall Place. Amber Prior and Elena Storry also were awarded a Highly Commended Certificate of Merit for excellent work.

We were delighted to hear the news from the Bexley Civic Society who organised the exhibition.

Linda Hubbard commented on how high the standard of work was submitted and she looks forward to seeing more of our students work next year.

*Miss Harrison, Art Department*

## PE News

To celebrate British Science Week, 5k club have been "Running to the Deep" - a 10k running challenge, where a free app describes what you would see if you were running down into the depths of the Marianas Trench - the deepest known part of the ocean. On Wednesday evening the group did it 5 times together near Danson Lake (which is approx 9998m shallower!). Well done everyone.



If you are interested in having a go, follow the link for more information:

<https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/run-to-the-deep/>

*Mr Lines, Head of PE*



## Library News Join our Carnegie Reading Group

The shortlisted books for the CILIP Carnegie Medal have been announced and they look like a very exciting mix.

**Wed Wabbit by Lissa Evans**  
**After the Fire by Will Hill**  
**Where the World Ends by Geraldine McCaughrean**  
**Rook by Anthony McGowan**  
**Release by Patrick Ness**  
**Saint Death by Marcus Sedgwick**  
**The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas**  
**Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk**

Our reading group will be taking place on Thursdays after school, and we will be reading one of these books each week, reviewing them and taking part in activities about the books. In June we will also be taking part in an awards ceremony with other Bexley schools. If you would like to sign up please come and see me in the Library or send me an email

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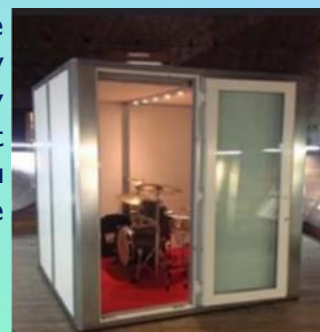
*Mrs Carey, Librarian*





## Music News

The Music department would like to offer its most grateful thanks to the Anonymous donor who donated £1000 to our fundraising campaign for new practice rooms. We are blown away by the generosity shown to us by complete strangers (or, more likely, people who are known and loved, but whom have chosen to remain anonymous). We wish we could thank you personally, but please let it be known that your donation will make a huge difference to our department. **THANK YOU!**



Support our campaign by coming to our Spring Concert next Monday: **A Night of Music from the Movies!** 6pm in the Hall, tickets are available in advance from: [www.yourboxoffice.co.uk](http://www.yourboxoffice.co.uk)

If you would like to make a donation (however big or small), please visit our Justgiving page here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/bexleygrammarschool/music>

**For Students involved in the Spring Concert 'A Night of Music from the Movies'**

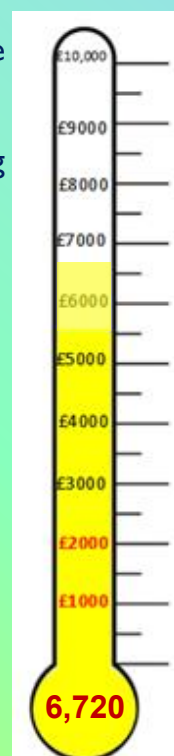
Please remember that we are **NOT** wearing school uniform at this concert!

**Wear smart ALL BLACK**

You could wear a smart skirt and top, or black trousers and a black shirt.

*To fit in with the Movie night theme, we are dressing for the Oscars!*

*Miss Swadkin, Head of Music*



## Year 8 Girls HPV Immunisations - Reminder

HPV immunisations will be taking place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Forms have been distributed to all girls in Year 8 and we would like to thank those parents who have already returned them.

The School Nurse needs to process the forms ahead of the day so please could you return any outstanding forms to Reception before the end of term.

Many thanks,

**Mrs Beasley, Reception**





Parents'  
Association

BGS Parents' Association (BGSPA) has yet again been able to secure reduced price ride wristbands for Adventure Island, Southend. Adventure Island is a great day out for all the family, with a wide choice of rides for all ages. Check it out at: [www.adventureisland.co.uk](http://www.adventureisland.co.uk)

Although entry is free, purchase of a wristband is required for unlimited use of all suitable rides. Once purchased, a wristband can be used on any one day in 2018 that Adventure Island is open. At peak times (weekends and school holidays), for anyone who is over 1.2 metres tall, a wristband would cost £22.50 if purchased online (£30 if purchased at the ticket office on the day). The PA can provide these for **only £18.00**. For those who are 1.2 metres tall, or less, we have wristbands for **only £12**, instead of the usual £18.75 online price (£25 if purchased at the ticket office on the day).

Wristbands are available as follows:

**Big Adventure Band** for anyone over 1.2 metres tall. This permits unlimited access to **all** rides.

**Junior Band** for anyone 1 to 1.2 metres tall. This permits unlimited use of more than 20 rides with a lower height restriction.

If you would like to purchase reduced price wristbands (**these are valid for 2018**) please click on the link [here](#) complete the form and follow the instructions.





## News Items You May Have Missed

### Years 9 & 10: World Challenge 2020

Are you interested in taking on a unique challenge in the summer of 2020? We are looking to recruit a group of students to embark on a three week expedition, involving fundraising, trekking, project work and immersion in a new culture. There is a launch assembly and a Parent Meeting for each year group this term, so make a note of the dates and come along to hear more.

#### Year 9

**Student Assembly:**  
23<sup>rd</sup> March

**Parent Meeting:**  
26<sup>th</sup> March, 6 - 7 pm  
SFCI (old Sixth Form Centre)



CALLING ALL COMIC FANS  
JOIN THE EXCELSIOR AWARD

Are you a fan of graphic novels and manga? Then join our reading group for the Excelsior Award. We will be meeting in the Library on Tuesdays, 3.05pm - 4.00pm, and reading and reviewing the best 8 graphic novels and manga books published This year. To sign up, please email me or come to see me in the Library.

Mrs Carey, Librarian

SIGN UP IN THE LIBRARY  
TO JOIN OUR COMIC AND  
MANGA READING GROUP



**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March is  
Non-Uniform Day  
in aid of Sport Relief.  
Please bring £1.00  
to School**



# *A Night of* **Music from the Movies**

**MONDAY 26th MARCH 2018, 6pm**  
**Bexley Grammar School**

**★ Buy tickets from: [www.yourboxoffice.co.uk](http://www.yourboxoffice.co.uk)  
£6.50 / £4.50 concessions**



*Featuring music from...*

**Star Wars, James Bond, Whiplash, Lord of the Rings,  
The Greatest Showman, Mission Impossible, The  
Blues Brothers, and more...**



# BGS HOUSE SHOWCASE



Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 7pm

Tickets now available from  
<https://yourboxoffice.co.uk/events>

Your opportunity to come and see  
the top entries from House Drama  
and House Music & Dance

Finale

The announcement of the  
House Champions for 2017 – 2018  
Presentation of the House Cup

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## **Forthcoming Events**

### **March**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>** ~ World Challenge Launch Meeting for interested Year 10 Parents (see notice)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>** ~ Non-uniform day in aid of Sport Relief (please bring £1.00 - see notice)

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>** ~ A Night of Music from the Movies, 6.00 pm (see notice)

~ World Challenge Launch Meeting for interested Year 9 Parents (see notice)

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>** ~ BGS House Showcase 7.00 pm (see notice)

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>** ~ Last School day before Easter break

**Early finish at the following times:**

**~ 1.25 pm for students in Years 10, 11, 12 & 13**

**~ 2.15 pm for students in Years 7, 8 & 9**

### **April**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** ~ First School day after the Easter break

~ Year 10 Mocks & Year 12 Part 1 Exams begin until 27<sup>th</sup> April

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>** ~ U19 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Cup Final: Simon Langton GS vs BGS, 4.00 pm - come and support us!

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** ~ Year 10 Mocks & Year 12 Part 1 Exams end

~ Year 13 IB External Exams begin

### **May**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>** ~ Year 7 Parents' Evening