



Spring Concert Review

Monday 26th March saw our whole school Spring Concert take place, with a theme of 'A Night of Music from the Movies'. The concert started with Symphony Orchestra performing the Main Title from *Star Wars*; a famous theme which proved to be far more challenging in its original form than any of us realised! However, the orchestra rose to the challenge admirably, and provided a dramatic start to the concert.



We were treated to a medley from *Lord of the Rings* by String Orchestra, and Junior Orchestra tackled the themes from *James Bond's 'Skyfall'* (made famous by Adele) and *Game of Thrones* (not strictly a movie theme!). It is brilliant to see all the new members joining our Junior ensembles; Junior Orchestra has tripled in size since Christmas! As our Year 13's start to think about their futures, and we realise we will soon be losing some of our most dedicated musicians, it is really inspiring to see the new generation of musicians coming through.

We were thrilled to be joined by the Marlborough School Choir (Marlborough School is in Sidcup, and is a school for students with severe learning difficulties). Senior and Junior Choirs joined together with them to perform 'This Is Me' from *The Greatest Showman*, with all BGS students signing the chorus in Makaton along with Marlborough. This was a powerful performance and reminds us of the importance of community music making; I hope that there will be more collaborations with Marlborough soon.

Other highlights included Junior Jazz's energetic rendition of *You Can't Turn Me Loose* from *The Blues Brothers*, and Junior Chamber Choir (directed by our Singing teacher, Miss Wyllie), who sang a beautiful arrangement of *A Thousand Years*, as heard in *Twilight: Breaking Dawn*.

The Senior Chamber Choir performed a fun gospel number from *Sister Act*, which featured Year 12 student Kenya Lawrence in a stunning solo, and James Walker in Year 10 on piano.

Big Band finished the evening with another challenge: the theme to *Whiplash*, a ridiculously hard number which is extremely fast and in 7! It was a suitably exciting end to a very high quality and inclusive concert. Thank you and congratulations to ALL our performers, which featured over 10% of the school from Years 7-13, and big thanks to the members of the Music department who worked so hard with their ensembles this term: Mrs Casling, Mrs Eacott, Mr Laing, Mr Ross, and Mr Cooper (Clarinet Choir), Miss Wyllie (Junior Chamber Choir) and Mr Crocker (Brass Ensemble).

Junior Jazz

Trumpets Charlie Keeling, Curtis Douglas, Philipe Watson

Alto sax Max Ashton, Eve Goodchild

Tenor sax Abbie Hewitt, Fola Akinsuyi

Flute Maddy Hosier, Ryan Brockwell-Low

French horn George Greenland

Trombone Joshua Morris

Euphonium Adam Bagshaw, William Henderson

Keys Lucas Zurdo Symons, Lucien Asbury-Perret

Guitar Rhys Tonks, Noah Hanley-McLatchie

Bass Sebastian Taljaard-Smith

Drums James Warren

Percussion Carys Orchard



Symphony Orchestra

Alex Lukov, Ella Warren, Mia Chan, James Zhang-Ly **Violin 2** Evie Peters, Akshay Vasisht, Lucas Zurdo Symons, Mrs Eacott,

Clarinets Luke Harrendence, Rosie Burrows, Isabel Hosier, Abbie Hewitt, Hannah Kitching, Nathan Singleton, Holly Bale, Eve Goodchild

Flutes Heather Goodchild, Sam Masters, Sophia Szczegolski-Jacobs, Rosie Barnwell, Alfie Evans

French Horn George Greenland, Zach Clarke

Cello Amelia Rapier, Oscar Zurdo Symons, Kenya Lawrence, Joshua Chan

Trumpets James Warren, Katie Henderson, Timi Abimbola, Aaron Josland

Eb Clarinet Helen Norman

Bassoon Josie Collett

Alto Sax Sophie Papworth

Bari Sax George Ross

Timpani James Walker

Drum Kit Alex Offen



Improv Group

Alto Saxes Luke Montgomery, Francesca Bird, Sophie Papworth, Isabel Hosier

Tenor Saxes Luke Harrendence

Bartholomew Sax George Ross

Trumpets James Warren, Charlie Keeling

Keys Teshan Karunasekera

Guitar Eddie Stocker

Bass Alex Lukov

Drums David Oputa



We cordially invite you to...

Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' The Junior Production

To mark 10 years of performing Shakespeare's plays at Bexley Grammar the Junior Production present "Romeo and Juliet". This was the first Shakespeare play performed at the school. This heart-breaking story is performed by extremely talented Year 7-9 students and is set in the 1920s era.

The cast have been rehearsing alongside a very busy school calendar since January. A shining performer in this production has said:

"I love the rehearsals because we get to know each other as cast and have fun working together. It is really great to see the other cast members creatively build their characters and laugh whilst doing it. Being a part of the cast has really shown me how much time and effort the teachers and the students put in to really polishing the play and how much time it takes to learn lines and cues. I really enjoy being a part of this amazing production." *Mya Fewell (7LJB)*

The play will also be performed in three local primary schools: always a fantastic experience. A superb cast member agrees: "I enjoy doing "Romeo and Juliet" because you have so much fun during rehearsals and you make new friends. I'm looking forward to performing for different primary schools as it gives them an opportunity to watch a different style of play and I feel proud to be performing to a younger performance." *Anya Scothern (8OTF)*

Accept your invitation to join the party, the glitz and the glamour at 7pm, on Monday 23rd April (Shakespeare's birthday) and Tuesday 24th April 2018. Tickets cost £7 for Adults and £4 for students and can be purchased by clicking on the link [here](#).

See you there with your 1920s sparkle and swagger!

Miss Gabriel



Introducing The Guardians of the Graphic Galaxy!

We had our first book group meeting on Tuesday for the Excelsior Award. The comic book fans, now calling themselves 'The Guardians of the Graphic Galaxy', worked together to award points to the short-listed graphic novels based on their first impressions of artwork, cover art, the title, the font and the blurb. The winner with a whopping 70 points was *Batman: The War of Jokes and Riddles*.

Over the next 2 months we will see if their first impression were correct or if you really shouldn't judge a book by its cover. We will also be creating our own comic book characters, designing alternative front covers, creating ideas for sequels and making video trailers.

Please follow us on Twitter for more information: @BexleyGSLibrary.

Mrs Carey, Librarian



World Challenge: Namibia 2020



Thanks to those who attended last week's presentations.

A reminder that application forms are due by the 20th April.

Miss Brand World Challenge Leader



Spring has sprung in the Geography planters!



As James Spatz, Dylan Christie, Darcey Willis and Max Jansen proudly showcase... our spring bulbs are starting to bloom in our Geography planters. The Geography Club will be embarking on a revamp of the planters after the Easter holidays... so keep your eyes peeled on that soil to watch for the renovations soon to be taking place!

Happy Spring!

Geography Department

Recycle with Michael

Congratulations to **Ethan Robinson 9TMR** for recycling the most clothing by one student (34.45 kgs) he won an Easter Egg. **8OTF** collected 40 kgs, narrowly beating **9TMRs** 39.55 kgs. Look out for our next competition after Easter.

Many thanks to all students and parents. We will keep you updated with how much we raise for this very worthy cause.

Mrs Beasley, Reception

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AND RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR SCHOOL!
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PE News -Tennis, Tennis & Golf

Year 7 & 8 FREE Tennis Coaching



Open to boys and girls

Every Friday starting on
Friday 20th April 2018

Time: 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Venue: BGS

Just need to turn up in your PE Kit!

The coaching will be carried out by a qualified tennis coach from Shooters Hill Tennis Club!

All abilities welcome! See you there!

Shooters Hill LTC Easter Holiday Junior Coaching

All junior tennis players aged **11 - 18 years old** are invited to come along to experience 3 days of intensive drills, up to date technical advice and matchplay experience.

Week 1: Tuesday 3rd April to Thursday 5th April
3.30 - 5.30pm

Week 2: Wednesday 11th April to Friday 13th April
3.30 - 5.30pm

Cost per day is £15 members/£18 non members or
£40 members/£50 non members for all 3 days.

Please book in before **Friday 30th March (Good Friday)** so we can plan and prepare to make the coaching as high quality as possible. If you cannot book before the date please call ahead to check availability.

To book in and arrange payment please contact
Phil Layfield on headcoach@shltc.info or
call 07815927767.

Many thanks, Phil and the coaching team

www.shootershilltennisclub.co.uk



Golfers!

We have been invited to enter a team for the Kent Schools' Golf Championships on Thursday 3rd May. I am looking for 2 additional players for our team. If you are a girl with a handicap of 15 or lower, or a boy with a handicap of 12 or lower, please come and see me/email me as soon as possible. We have been very successful in this competition in recent years, and would like to enter a strong team again.



Mr Lines, Head of PE



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Thursday 24th May 2018
Bexley Grammar School

Bexley Grammar School, Danson Lane, Welling DA16 2BL

Doors open 7pm, show starts 7.30pm

Tickets: £5 *includes a free drink. Students - £2.50 (under 18's)*

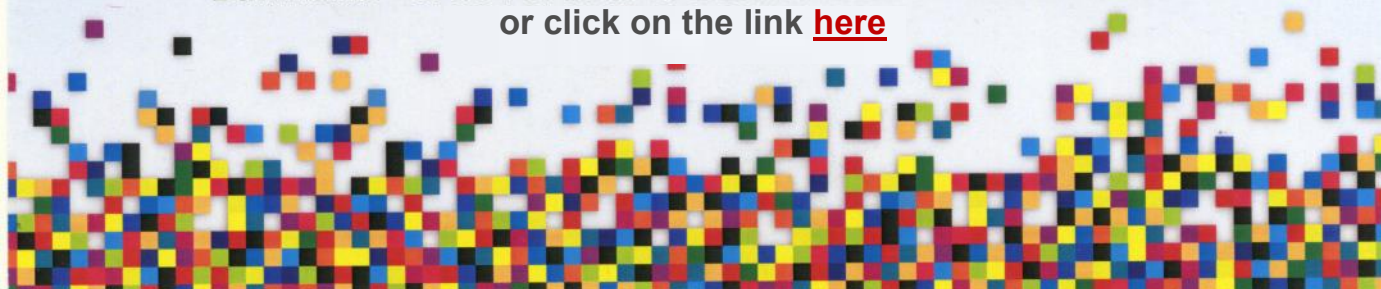
Tickets to be purchased in advance.

Charity raffle: FABULOUS prizes to be won at the show!

For tickets and more information please contact:

Dawn Sims - 07584 373643 or Deann Peetoom - 07884 436992

or click on the link [here](#)





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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

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.



Forthcoming Events

April

Monday 16th ~ First School day after the Easter break

~ Year 10 Mocks & Year 12 Part I Exams begin until 27th April

Friday 20th ~ **Last full teaching day Year 13 IB**

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

Monday 23rd ~ Junior Production of 'Romeo & Juliet' 7.00 pm (see notice)

Tuesday 24th ~ Junior Production of 'Romeo & Juliet' 7.00 pm (see notice)

Friday 27th ~ Year 10 Mocks & Year 12 Part I Exams end

~ Year 13 IB External Exams begin

May

Tuesday 1st ~ Year 7 Parents' Evening

Monday 7th ~ **Bank Holiday (school closed - except for Year 13 IB examinations)**

Friday 11th ~ **Last day Year 11 (before Exams)**

Friday 18th ~ **Last day Year 13 A Level**

~ **Final assembly for Year 13 cohort**

Monday 21st ~ Year 9 Exams (in classrooms) begin until Friday 25th May

Wednesday 23rd ~ KS3 Musical Showcase

Thursday 24th ~ PA Event, Ladies Fashion Show & Pop-up Shop, Doors open 7.00 pm (see notice)

Friday 25th ~ Last full school day before half term

Students return to school on Monday 16th April 2018
Enjoy the Easter break

