



Malaga Exchange 2018



Week 1: London

I signed up for the trip, not confident in my Spanish speaking abilities, and I didn't really think about the language barrier until a few weeks before the exchange students were due to arrive. I was beginning to wonder how I would cope with the challenge, but I was ready to face it. I met Alejandro at Gatwick Airport and we were mates from the start. We went to the park, played some football (Alejandro is a very good player) and later that evening we went to the Open Mic Night on my high street, giving him an idea of the vibe in my area.



The next day we went to the cable cars at Greenwich, a great journey with brilliant views of London, and later the whole group of twenty-one decided to meet at Greenwich Park. On the Tuesday and Wednesday, our exchange students came to school with us and in the evening we went to Danson Park.



On Wednesday evening we caught the train to Victoria to see Wicked. It was my second time seeing the show with the school and it was still a great night for everyone. We were given the day off school on Thursday to go to London to see some sights, including the London Eye, and then we went to Covent Garden where we were granted free time to get something to eat and show the exchange students around. Later, Alejandro and I went to watch Charlton play Shrewsbury Town in the first leg of the League One play-off semi-finals. Although Charlton lost, it was a great night and the atmosphere was electric, as it always is at the Valley.



Friday was the last full day for the exchange students' stay and they went to London while we stayed at school. We all met at Danson Park again in the afternoon, had some food and then went bowling in the evening, which was great and everyone had fun.





On Saturday we said our goodbyes to our new friends at Welling station. The week had gone so fast and it was an experience I will never forget. As for the language barrier, we coped with it far more easily than I expected to and it produced some very entertaining moments and lots of laughs. My Spanish improved immeasurably and I am now very excited for the return trip to Malaga.

The trip wouldn't have happened without the organisation and kindness of Miss Orchard and I think that everyone involved benefited a lot, improving their language skills and making new friends. I would like to say a big thank you to Miss Orchard from everyone on the trip.

James Walker, Year 10



PE News

Well done to our brilliant Year 8 girls who won 2/3 Rounders matches against Bexleyheath Academy, Haberdashers' Crayford and Chislehurst & Sidcup Grammar on Wednesday 16th May. Megan Lisle was voted player of the match for excellent bowling. #BGSGirlsCan.

Mr Lines, Head of PE



Team Players

Milly Hooton
Prosper Omopariola
Libby Garrod-Jobbins
Katie Neicho
Isabella Storrey
Megan Lisle
Evie Williams
Eloise Perry
Anna Murati
Amy Brown
Grace Clow

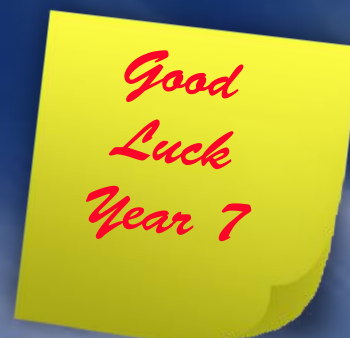
Year 7 Update

Just a quick reminder that Year 7 exam week will be running from Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th June. Pupils will have an examination in each subject and so should make sure that they prepare fully for this week. Pupils will receive feedback and results soon after exam week and a full set of grades will be published in their Year 7 Summer term report which will be issued to students on 19th July.

Pupils should also be making progress towards collecting their next 15 hours of CAS. By way of a reminder, we are expecting pupils to do five hours of something creative, 5 hours of something active and 5 hours of something service based during the summer term. These hours can be collected during school or via activities outside of school hours. Half term is an excellent opportunity to continue to be active, creative and help others. Pupils should record each activity and get them signed off by the adult supervising on page 135 of the student planner. Further details of the KS3 Diploma and CAS can be found on pages 131-135 or alternatively in the booklet distributed at the Year 7 'Meet the Tutor Evening'.

Good luck Year 7

Mrs Boulden, Director of Studies



Summer Fayre Requests In preparation for Saturday 9th June

**Please could you send
the following items into Reception
to support the Summer Fayre**

- **Bottles - any unopened bottles for our tombola**
- **Unwanted and unused gifts (any!)**
- **Matched funding - please let us know if you are able to support us with matched funding.**

**Many thanks,
Bexley Grammar Parents' Association**

**7JED is looking for any
unwanted plates, bowls and
mugs for crockery smash at
the summer fayre. Please
bring any donations to
Reception.**

**Thank you!
Mr Dufton**



Industry Day

After almost a year of planning the Design Department organised its first industry day to excite and inform pupils about the potential careers and areas of work that exist within the Design Industry.

Design Briefs were invited from a variety of companies; these were to be delivered by practising professionals and third year university students training to go into these areas of work. Students could choose the design brief they wanted to work from. The first event had such encouraging results we hope to roll it out again next year. Do you work in an area of industry students should know more about and would you like to run a workshop to deepen students understanding of working with design? If so, then please get in touch with our ECM Day Coordinator to make it happen (enquiries@bexleygs.co.uk using Design ECM as the subject).

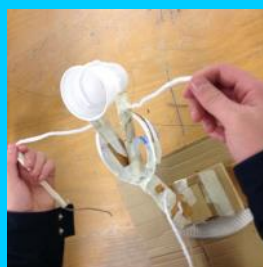
A big thank you to the people and companies involved including:

Joseph Storr, Ollie Clutson, Andrew Liddell from Ravensbourne University for sponsoring the Graphics, Product Design and Architectural Modelling sessions;

Community and Education Outreach of Tesco, Welling Branch, for organising the Food sessions;

Garry Farrelly from the Royal Academy of Culinary Arts and BR6 restaurant Bromley; UCL Stem Ambassadors who ran the Engineering and Robotics workshops.

Miss Francis, Design Technology



Stem Ambassadors UCL





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

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

May

Thursday 24th ~ PA Event, Ladies Fashion Show & Pop-up Shop ~ CANCELLED

Friday 25th ~ Last full school day before half term

June

Monday 4th ~ First school day following half term

Saturday 9th ~ BGS Summer Fayre & Sports Day ~ information to follow shortly
(normal school day for students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12)

Monday 11th ~ School closed to students ~ day off in lieu following Summer Fayre & Sports Day

Tuesday 12th ~ Every Child Matters (ECM) day

Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th ~ Year 7 & 8 Exams (see Year 7 notice)

Tuesday 26th ~ Sixth Form Induction Day ~ by invitation only

Thursday 28th ~ Sixth Form Induction Day ~ by invitation only

July

Friday 6th ~ Results Day - Year 13 IB

Monday 9th ~ Year 11 Prom

Tuesday 10th ~ BGS Jazz Evening 6.30pm - 9pm (information to follow)

Friday 20th ~ Last day of summer term

August

Thursday 16th ~ Results Day - Year 13 A Level

Thursday 23rd ~ Results Day - Year 11 GCSE

**Next Week is half term. Students return to school on
Monday 4th June when it will be week A**