



Year 13 North Kent Final

On Wednesday 4th May, the First XI Sixth Form football team played in the North Kent Final vs Hextable held at Crockenhill FC. Knowing it was our last game together and for most, their last ever game for the school, everyone was focused and ready for the game. We unfortunately lost 2-1. With a reasonable crowd and a nice big pitch, we started the game very positively. Joe Costello made some good advances from left back and Jack Plows threatened on a number of occasions. Our hard work paid off with Jack getting on the end of a poor back pass from a Hextable defender and calmly slotting the ball away into the bottom corner. It was what we had deserved but nearly straight from the restart Hextable got back level after a defensive mix-up. After defending so well to get to the final, the mistake affected the team and we didn't play the football we knew we could.

As the game went on Steadman Callender and Matt Coombs were constant threats to Hextable but we just couldn't get the goal that we needed. With about 10 minutes to go, with the heat and size of the pitch getting to us, Hextable scored to make it 2-1. Mr Pullen decided to go for 3 at the back to push for the equalizing goal but it just wasn't our day.

It was not the way we wanted to finish as a team of very good Year 12 and 13 players but we had a good season together. The luck wasn't quite with us at the end with losing key players before the final to injuries but we put in every effort as a team. Speaking on behalf of all the boys, I would like to thank Mr Pullen for all his efforts this year and I think all the Year 13s would agree with me it was a pleasure representing Bexley Grammar for the past 7 years and it is sad for all to come to an end. It's been emotional!

Jack Bates

Forthcoming Events

Friday 27th May ~ Year 9 & Year 10 Reports issued

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June ~ Half Term

Tuesday 14th June ~ UCAS information evening for Year 12

Saturday 18th June ~ Sports Day and Summer Fayre

Monday 20th June ~ Day off in lieu of Sports Day

London Marathon 2011

I would just like to say a massive thank you to everyone who sponsored me for the London Marathon. My fundraising target was set at £1,600; I managed to raise £1,996.23 for Barnardo's in the end, with about £500 coming from your donations.

I would also like to congratulate Charlie Ludlow, Mr Rosenthal and Mr Frost for completing the London marathon too! Once again many thanks!

Didier Nuttall 13RPP

Cricket Report ~ Year 7

Last Wednesday 18th May, saw the start of the Year 7 cricket season. Our first match was a home game against Wilmington Grammar School. Wilmington batted first and managed to score a respectable 86. There was some good bowling by Chris Atkinson and Alex Jessup, each taking two wickets, together with excellent fielding by BGS, which kept things tight. It looked like it would be a close match, with an early wicket taken by Wilmington giving them hope, but this proved to be as good as it got, with Alex Robertson and Ronak Patel knocking off the runs without further loss, scoring 29 and 30 respectively. BGS won by 9 wickets with five overs to spare. An excellent start to the season and we were already looking forward to the next game!

The next day we travelled to Cleeve Park School for the second game in as many days. Alfie Wheeler, BGS captain, won the toss and decided to bat. It proved to be a good choice as BGS took advantage of some loose Cleeve Park bowling to pile on the runs. The opening pair of Alfie

Wheeler and Alex Robertson put on an amazing 100 runs in an unbroken century partnership, both retiring on 50 not out! BGS went on to post a tremendous score of 145 runs in their twenty overs. If the batting was good, the BGS bowling was even better with Alex Jessup, Sujan Sriram and Chris Atkinson taking two wickets each as they destroyed the Cleeve Park batting line-up, who ended up with a not so tremendous score of 46 to make it two wins out of two for BGS. The team are anxious to find out when the next match is...I know I am! *Alex Robertson, 7CMS*

Year 8 News

Firstly, we would like to congratulate all the members of Prothero House, well done for the victory in the House Competition and good luck to all Houses when the new competition starts up again at the Sports Day / Summer Fayre.

This week the whole of Year Eight have been taking part in the end of year assessments taken on the computer, we know that the feedback has been mixed, yet it has been an experience and it should provide a great benefit for the school in future years.

Next, although she has already gone on maternity leave, we think the whole year group would like to join us in thanking Mrs Kemp once again for her hard work and commitment, as our DoS. We would like to wish Mrs Kemp and her husband a happy and healthy baby and we look forward to when she returns once the baby is born.

We wish Miss Lynch well in her up and coming wedding and we hope that she settles in to her new role in the year group as DoS. We also wish Miss Brand good luck, as she becomes our new SAM, and we hope that she gets to know us well.

Finally, we hope that you all enjoy the half-term holiday and revise hard, coming back ready to do well in the end of year exams.

Amy Dykes and Hannah Thorpe 8MGL

CAMBODIA APPEAL

During the summer I went to Cambodia to see my son and his Cambodian partner Rotana who is a nurse.

Cambodia is a country that has seen war and genocide. 70% of the population are under 30. There are many land mine victims. It has recently opened a railway line from Phnom Penh to Kampot. Any other travel is by bus and outside of the cities the roads are not good. Cambodia is a very poor country and the people have no welfare or National Health Service so if you don't have money and

you get ill you don't get medicine. In Siem Reap we went to an area of extreme poverty. The people live in one room huts on stilts, the whole family live in this one area, no sanitation or running water. Rotana had bought \$200.00 worth of medicines and contraceptives out of her own money. She teaches them hygiene and the best way to look after themselves, visiting people as often as she can but it is 6 hours journey on a bus.

Rotana has recently opened a clinic in Phnom Penh which gets no government money so people that can pay subsidise those that can't. There are many people who live on the streets or in tuk tuks (small motorised transport) with families. Despite all this they are happy and trusting and I really enjoyed my time there.

I felt that I wanted to help in some way so I decided to do a sponsored swim and money raised by school staff and friends went directly to Rotana's clinic for basic medicines, vitamins and food for those who cannot pay. *Mrs Green*

Year 7 ECM days – 21st, 22nd, and 23rd June

Following on from Mrs Green's sponsored swim, Year 7 will be given the opportunity to support this cause, if they wish, through a sponsored 'climbing wall' event on ECM days to raise money for the clinic.

All Year 7s have a sponsor form and we would be grateful if parents would encourage students to collect sponsors for their event.

The Year 7s have their ECM day split over 3 days this year due to the Penshurst trip, but all students will spend some lesson time studying Cambodia; its people, language, history etc and how it can develop. Students will also discover more about the country through an assembly after half term.

Many of the people that Rotana sees in the clinic are also in desperate need of clothing so all Year 7 Forms will also be collecting lightweight (it has to be because of packing to take to Cambodia) young children's clothing. If you have anything suitable please can you send it into school to be handed in to reception, a Year 7 Form group or Ms Rock.

In September we will give student and newsletter feedback on how the money raised has been spent and the changes it has brought to people's lives.

Thank you for your support with this appeal. *Mrs Rock*



PA News

Discounted Adventure Island Tickets

Last chance to buy tickets before the summer holidays - details and form to complete and return soon to be distributed via Parentmail.

NCPTA - 23rd May 2011

On Monday, Bexley Grammar School hosted a workshop for the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations <http://www.ncpta.org.uk>. Parents from a number of schools within the local area (both primary and secondary) visited Bexley Grammar School for a fundraising and good practice workshop, to share ideas and learn more about the licensing and health and safety requirements involved with staging events. It was also a great networking opportunity and, as a result, we have additional contacts which we hope will allow us to offer more new events in the coming years.

Last PA Meeting of School Year

Tues 7th June 2011, 7.30 pm - Sixth Form Common Room
Last chance this academic year to come along and contribute your ideas and suggestions on what we do and how we do it. We're not looking for a long-term commitment - just turn up, join us for a cuppa and see if it's for you. We have some very lively and fun PA discussions. Hope to see you there!

Father's Day Shop for Students 8th/9th/10th June

Lunchtimes in the school canteen area, gifts range from £1 to £6.

Summer Fayre Sat 18th June 2011

The PA is hoping to line up a few extra stalls for you this year: a golf putting competition, ten pin bowling, a "buy a brick" shy, the usual refreshments and maybe more. We look forward to seeing everybody at the Summer Fayre on Sat 18th June.

Date for your Diary - 25th Nov 2011

Bollywood Dinner/Dance - NEW EVENT
Details in our latest PA paper for this very exciting new event coming your way soon!

Matched Funding Update - £380 Donated

We are very grateful to parent David Cast and the company he works for (Citigroup) for coming up trumps with matched funding for our Quiz Night in March - this brought in an extra £380! If your company has a corporate social responsibility programme that includes matched funding or other contributions to registered charities, we'd love to hear from you: sewcraftydenise@talktalk.net.

We should like to take this opportunity to thank Coca-Cola Enterprises Ltd for their donation of six crates of bottled water which are being put to very good use at a number of events.

Finally, we hope you have a great half term - our thanks go to everybody who supports our efforts for the benefit of the students at Bexley Grammar School.

Merits

Well done to the following students who have successfully reached 50 merits this term: Jabesh Baskaran, Oyin Osoba, Jaime Phipps, Connor Murkin, Precious Odusanya (7FOM), Rebecca Ruse, Domingas Pleckauskas, Ronik Patel, Cameron Dale (7CMS) and Daniel Twigger (7KLB).

Congratulations go to: Omolara Sokunbi, Megan Doughty (7CMS), Mohamed Yongawo (7SMB), Sarah Beaman, Emma Abbate, Ife Awotunbo, Boglarka Vamos, Chloe Grewal, Eve Lynch (7FOM), Oliver Forde (7EP), Olivia Reynolds and Ola Fariyike (7CMS) on achieving 100 merits.

And a special well done to Matthew Talbot (7SMB) on reaching 150 merits

Keep up the good work.

Mr Crawford

Congratulations to Katie Chant, Holly Port, Maddie Rapier, Alice Caddock, Jenny Milliams, Ravi Panesar, Louisa Dodd Sajana Karunagaran, Tom Barton, Regan Holmes, Ben Jackson, George Tennant and Rosie Thackeray (8PEB) on successfully reaching 50 merits.

Well done also to Matt Ward and Chris Goring (7PEB) on achieving 100 merits.

Miss Lynch

Summer Fayre ~ Dog Show Timetable

Saturday 18th June 2011

10:30 Dog with the Waggiest Tail

11:00 Dog with the Loudest Bark

11:30 Sit and Stay

11:30 Dog with the Best Smile

12:00 Year 12's Favourite Dog

12:30 Prettiest Bitch

13:00 Most Handsome Dog

13:30 Best in Show

*14:00 Photos with Karly best looking dog in the Met
(depending on how Karly feels)*

And 'Guess the name of the Dog'

Miss Bobin



BGS Summer Fayre and Sports Day - Saturday 18th June 2011

Our annual joint Sports Day and Summer Fayre is nearly upon us! On Saturday 18th June, **students in Years 7 to 10 and Year 12 will attend school from 9.30am until approximately 2.45pm**. Parents, friends and Years 11 and 13 are welcome to join us from 10.30am until approximately 2.15pm but please note that there will be no parking available on site. Please remember to plan for the day off in lieu on **Monday 20th June** when the **school is closed**.

There are now over forty stalls, many of them traditional, some refreshingly new. Glancing down a list, I see everything from face painting to crockery smashing, sumo wrestling to Human Hoopla, not forgetting the annual dog show. A programme will be available at the gate for 50p and stalls will be charging anything from 10p to £1. Three World Challenge teams will be raising funds for their exciting trips to India but all the rest of the stalls are fundraising for the Parents' Association.

Please join us to support your son/daughter both at the Fayre and at the Sports Day track events, finishing with the relays towards 2.00pm. There is stiff competition between the Houses, as ever; the day promises excitement for all!

Please be aware that your son/daughter should be prepared for spending most of the day outside. Students are welcome in their own clothes (at no charge) but are being encouraged to support their House colours. **Students should have a hat, sun cream and a bottle of water for the day**. The canteen will be serving lunch as usual (cashless and cash transactions welcome) but there will also be a range of world foods available, a tea shop, ice creams and, of course, there will be Mr Crowley's famous barbecue!

We do not anticipate poor weather, but in the event of sustained torrential rain the school will decide on the appropriate course of action after morning registration.

Mrs R Mallin
Assistant Head

Help! Donations Welcome!

Please have a look through the list below and if you have anything that might be of help, please bring it in to Reception.

Sweets, toys, toiletries, etc. - anything that might be offered as prizes on a stall

Old crockery (not glass please)

Books

Buckets (any shape or sizes)

Lots of small paper or plastic bags to wrap up sweets, cookies, etc.

Sweet scoops

Unwanted bottles of wine, etc., jars/bottles filled with sweets or toiletries.

Old ground sheets or tarpaulins

Chocolate (to be melted for a fountain)

Plants

Thank you