



Scottish Ceilidh

On Friday evening 28th May we held our very first Bexley Grammar Scottish Ceilidh. Quite a number of the IB students and some staff had spent the last four weeks after school learning and practising new dances. By the 28th we felt confident in our ability to tell the difference between the “Dashing White Sergeant”, “Strip the Willow” and an “Eightsome Reel”. Although the theory was fine, actually performing the dances tended to be more of a challenge for the teachers than the students!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our teacher, Rachel Wilton, from the Royal Scottish Dance Society, whose enthusiasm was infectious and gave the practice sessions such a buzz. As one of the students put it in the IB magazine; “Less about dancing, and more about doing your best not to head butt someone or fall over on your face, it is one of the most fun CAS activities I’ve ever been part of”. “Completely hilarious from start to finish, the nice lady who teaches us on Tuesdays must have the patience of a saint to put up with a bunch of uncoordinated 16 and 17 year olds for an hour and a half every week. But she is a wonderful teacher and the teachers Mr Brown, Mrs Leffen, Ms Stoddard, Mrs Young and Mrs Snelling loved getting involved as well”.

For the evening the students helped Mrs Young prepare deluxe “stovies” and her world famous meringues. Students were also pleasantly surprised by the delights of Haggis which they reported tasted much better than it sounded. A massive thank you to Mrs Young and her husband for all their hard work in making the evening such a success.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 12th June ~ Sports Day and Summer Fayre
Monday 14th June ~ Day off in lieu of Sports Day
Thursday 1st July ~ House Showcase event
Friday 9th July ~ Year 7 Diploma Celebration Evening
Monday 19th July ~ Speech Day
Monday 19th July ~ Year 8 & Year 12 Reports issued
Thursday 22nd July ~ Year 7 Reports issued
Thursday 22nd July ~ Last Day of Term

Thanks also to Mrs Treppass' husband who is a fantastic piper and he came along in full highland dress to give us a selection of tunes on the pipes. We even had an accordionist for the dance music.

All in all we experienced something very different from our usual Friday evening and it was really good fun. Thanks to everyone for getting involved. Burns night anyone?

Mr Brown



Midsummer Night's Dream (Shakespeare for Schools Festival)

Auditions to be held on Tuesday 15th June at 3.15pm in the Hall (Years 7 to 11 only).

Don't miss this excellent opportunity to perform for the school in a West End Theatre!

Merits

Congratulations to Ellie Holmes 8MJR on reaching 50 merits.
Mr Johnson

Well done to Amir Elazab (7LKS) on reaching 50 merits.
Mrs Kemp



Paraspport Activity Day

8th June 2010

On Tuesday 8th June, we visited Newham Leisure Centre. There was a mixture of sports including athletics, football, judo, table tennis, power sliding, boccia, wheelchair basketball, wheelchair track racing and more. We really liked the day and the coaching was excellent. We are interested in taking up some of these sports.
Tom Barton 7APB & Deborah Adom 8JMP



Comic Book Club ~ Request

Miss Edmundson would like to send a photo of the members of Comic Book Club (and the comics they have drawn this year) to the Beano comic's letters page, in the hope that they will print our picture. If you are a regular attendee and would like the chance to see yourself in print, please ask your parent or guardian to write a note in your planner, giving permission for you to appear in the group photo.

Year 9

I am pleased to inform you that I have been appointed as Director of Studies to Year 9 on a permanent basis. I have enjoyed the last year immensely and look forward to working with you.

Miss Squires, Director of Studies, Year 9

Year 10

Welcome back ~The Year 10 prefects wish to say welcome back to the Year 10 students and remind students about their Maths exams.

English Trips ~ Students in Miss Woodcock's and Ms Stoddard's English classes had a trip to the Globe on Thursday 10th June to see "Macbeth" on stage. Mr Baker's and Miss Macleod's English classes will be watching "The Crucible" at Regent's Park later this term. The Year 10 students wish to say a big thank you to the English Department for planning these trips.
Alex Davies (Year 10 Prefect)

Trip to the Globe Theatre: On Thursday an energetic group of Year 10s went to the Globe Theatre to see a powerful performance of *Macbeth* - standing round the stage as groundling in true Elizabethan fashion (but wearing modern trainers). An authentic experience which should be a great help to these students when it comes to coursework!

Ms Stoddard

Well done to Alex Picksley and Matt Snow, our Year 10 cricket leaders. They ran a coaching session at Barrington Primary School on Monday, which was a great success. Working with 24 Year 5 and 6 students, the boys led the primary school pupils through a series of drills to improve their batting and bowling. The Barrington pupils really enjoyed the session, and we hope to arrange more in the future.

Mr Lines

Sixth Form

The English department are very happy to announce that we have secured 13 tickets at £13.50 each to see *The Tempest*, 'Shakespeare's monumental late period meditation on magic and authorship' at The Old Vic theatre at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30th June. Directed by Sam Mendes (*American Beauty*), this production promises excitement, magic and a rare opportunity for you to see a play you have studied and written about.

This will not only be a really enjoyable experience in itself but if you are interested in applying to read English at university next year, it is a very good asset to be able to talk about plays you have been to see both inside and outside the curriculum.

Miss Woodcock



Review of Cabaret Night 2010

On Wednesday 26th May the cast of Cabaret Night put on a show to remember. The cast consisted of Years 7-9, all showcasing their talent to the expectant audience. This year the audience sat around tables and had a full dinner service provided by the Parents' Association, with the help of a local fish and chip shop.

The show consisted of a variety of scripted pieces and was hosted by Tom Barton (7APB) and Joe Masters (7MJR) who put in their own unique brand of humour to an already seamless show. Cabaret Night started with Self Defence, originally by Monty Python, which the cast really made their own, especially the leading actor Joe Kelly (8MPL). Tara Burgess (8MJR) and Rachel Gordon (8PKS) portrayed the roles of two jilted women struggling with their French verbs and had the audience

laughing at this well scripted piece. The Melodrama cast's portrayal of stereotypical characters was amusing and kept the audience waiting for the next twist in the play, a particularly impressive feat when considering that the majority of this cast were Year 7s in their first ever public performance.

A shortened version of 'The Woman in Black' was directed and put together by Connor Litten, Ben Smith, Daniel Church (9SRN) and Drew Bristow (9CJA). This piece sent shivers down the audience's spine. It gave a new view to another well-established play and the cast played the characters perfectly. The audience was in for a real treat when an IB group performed 'Too Much Punch for Judy'; the acting was flawless and the staging was amazing as the group showed the story of two girls out on the town. Chris Ball (9ELS) and Jack Barton (8MJR) gave a great performance about a butcher who is alternatively rude and polite, which had the audience laughing and gasping at regular intervals. Three of the cast got together and wrote an original script about an unusual job interview, which they performed themselves. Katrina Collison (8MJR) took on the huge role of the 'What shall I wear?' monologue; she gave a great performance and wowed the audience.



The cast of 'Frankenstein' gave an aesthetically pleasing performance and Ashleigh Hunt (8SAS) and Harrison Bryans (8MJR) were amazing in the main roles. Finally, some of the cast performed the musical number 'Don't rain on my parade' an exciting way to end a flawless show. On behalf of the cast I would like to thank the directors Mr Otley, Miss Wrightson, Miss Woodcock and Miss Swadkin.

Paige Harris 10AMF

BGS Summer Fayre and Sports Day - Saturday 12th June

It's here!

Thank you for your enthusiastic response to our appeal for donations – you wouldn't believe the number of books we have collected, for example. Now it is your chance to see it all come together on Saturday. There is something for everyone so don't forget your cash!

Please remember that students in Years 7 to 10 will attend school from 9.30am until approximately 2.45pm. Parents, friends and Years 11-13 are welcome to join us from 10.30am until approximately 2.00pm but please note that there will be no parking available on site. Don't forget to plan for the day off in lieu on Monday 14th June when the school is closed.

Please join us to support your son/daughter both at the Fayre and at the Sports Day track events which begin at midday and finish with the relays towards 2.00pm. 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.

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. Whilst the weather is difficult to predict, **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!

See you soon!

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Deputy Head