



Poetry Prize Winner

Many congratulations to Hannah Brennan (11AGF) who is a winner of the Poetry Live Poetry Competition. This is a national competition and Hannah's success is a great achievement. I am sure that you will agree her poem shows an impressive sophistication and maturity. Her prize is a one week poetry course in Wales. Mrs Macleod

GHOST

Funny, that.
You'd think I'd conform to a stereotype.
Wailing, shaking chains.
Funny, too, how human it is,
To label everything near
as anything. Is it easier if I'm someone, dear?

That's not what I'm here for.
Not unfinished business,
Just quiet ghosts. Lord of film and book.
I'm just a sheet with a child shaking,
With excitement, inside it, parents near.
Mirrored dead, nightmare, just mere -

Imagination.
That's what feeds me.
Puppet book on pulsing strings.
Stories are the stuff of souls so
Listen, child, to those whispers in your ears.
We're alive, If your mind believes we're here

Hannah Brennan

Year 10 News

On Friday 5th June, Year 10 students participated in the Risk Roadshow which was delivered by a guest speaker from Cambridge University. Each student watched a presentation that investigated the maths behind games and scams. Topics included: How Derren Brown's mind games work, how to avoid falling for a betting scam, how to tell if you're playing a game with a fair coin, how to win at Monopoly and how to beat the Lottery.

They then participated in "Mathionaire", a "Who wants to be a Millionaire" style quiz. Each student had their own touchpad to respond to questions based on what they had learnt in the earlier presentation. Congratulations to David Law who gained the highest score of the day.

Miss C Scott

We have a few members of the year group working hard towards different productions. Firstly, there are Y10 students in the Drama production of "Crazy for You", and secondly, there are students participating in the music concert on the 10th July. Good luck to all those involved and it would be lovely to see people from our year group going along to support them. For anyone interested in going to see the productions, please go to the Finance Office to get more information on tickets.

Erin Bullions (10RHS)

Forthcoming events

- Saturday 13th June ~ Sports Day & Summer Fayre
- Monday 15th June ~ School closed (except for exams)
- Thursday 18th June ~ UCAS evening for students and parents of Year 12 at 7pm
- Tuesday 30th June ~ School Production 'Crazy for You'
- Thursday 2nd July ~ School Production 'Crazy for You'
- Friday 3rd July ~ School Production 'Crazy for You'
- Wednesday 1st July - early closure 2.20pm**
- Friday 10th July ~ Summer Concert

Music Report

On Saturday 6th June a number of Bexley Grammar students who are part of the Greenwich Youth Band took part in a concert at Blackheath Halls.

The whole concert was compered by one of our music teachers, Miss Swadkin and she also conducted the choir, orchestra, children from the Academy of Music and Drama and children from Charlton and Marlborough schools Stage Right, in a superb selection of music from 'Les Miserables'.

We were also entertained by GAMD and Stage Right with songs and rhythm ~ 'Don't rain on my parade', 'With a little help from my friends', 'Don't stop me now' and 'Consider yourself'.

It was an extremely enjoyable evening, thank you for your hard work and energy.

Mrs Young

Classical Studies

After our very successful trip to Rome and the Bay of Naples we are running a new trip to Turkey during February half-term in 2010. This trip is open to students in Year 9 through to Year 12 in 2009. If you are interested please come to the Latin Department office and get a letter. On the trip we

will see such sites as Gallipoli, Troy, Ephesus, Pamukkale, Pergamum and of course Istanbul. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to see the ancient and modern sights of Turkey. Miss Pearson

UCAS Evening

Thursday 18th June is our UCAS evening for Year 12 students and their parents. It starts at 7pm and will be held in the Hall.

The evening will include information re: the application process, personal statement structure, student finance and Oxbridge applications.

Mrs Mallin

Merits

Congratulations to Thomas Barrett 9MEH on achieving a fantastic 200 merits.

His name will be added to the draw for an iPod.

Summer Fayre

Don't forget tomorrow (Saturday 13th June) is our Summer Fayre and Sports Day. Bring your family, bring a friend, all are welcome. Gates open to the public at 10.30 am.

Here is a list of some of the attractions:

CAKES R US, Beat the Goalie, Chocolate fountain, Guess weight (hanging basket), How many sweets are in the Jar?, Hearing Dogs for the deaf, Lucky Dip, Bottle Tombola, Limbo Dancing, Higher or lower card, Rest-Awhile Tea Shoppe, Book Stall, Dog Show and **much more** including Sports Day.

We look forward to seeing you there.