



## CAS congratulations to Year 13 IB students!

With the Year 13 IB cohort nearing the end of their diploma course, final CAS (Creativity, Action and most importantly, Service) reflections have been submitted. IB students are required to undertake at least 150 hours of CAS and our students have been amazing in their commitment and enthusiasm and it's been a delight to read about their achievements. Of particular merit was the amount of volunteering students undertook at two local hospitals, helping to make the patients' stay a little more comfortable. One student summed up his time at Queen Elizabeth Hospital: "Through doing simple tasks and giving up a small proportion of my time to spend it on serving my community through voluntary work at the hospital, it has made me realise that doing the small things in life really do make a huge difference to people's lives and I have always felt great satisfaction after my weekly four hours at the hospital".

Once again, our students supported many Bexley and Greenwich primary schools and clubs as reading mentors and through the Language Leader Award where Spanish, French, Gujarati and Chinese were taught. One student was awarded the Jack Petchey Award following his commitment to coaching younger children at a local tennis club. The NW Kent Conservation Partnership had the pleasure of the company of our students when they undertook some strenuous work at local nature reserves. Many clubs and departments in the school were assisted by students in a range of activities and projects.

Wingsofhope, a Charity supporting the free education of orphaned children in Africa and India, benefitted by our students' creativity in coming up with their own ideas for fundraising events, making them happen and raising much needed funds. This list goes on. I, along with all the service recipients, would like to congratulate every IB student who willingly and generously committed their time in between the pressures of the rigorous academic side of the Diploma to make a difference in the school, local and wider community.

A student's reflection finally sums up his volunteering experience: "Voluntary work has taught me many things that school could not have and it's also something you could not learn from a textbook, as it is something you must experience for yourself".  
Mrs Leffen

## Forthcoming Events

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March ~ Year 7 Reports Issued  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March ~ Year 7 Parents' Evening  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March ~ Spring Concert  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April ~ Year 8 and Year 12 Reports Issued  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April ~ Last day of Term

## Young Enterprise

Thank you to those people who came to see us at Bromley (see photo below) on Saturday to support the Young Enterprise Company EasyPeasy. We will also be at Greenwich market this Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> to sell our student cookbooks. Please come and support us!

The Young Enterprise team Flying Colours will also be at the market promoting their environmental project.

Charlie Ludlow & George Bettell (Co-MDs EasyPeasy)



## Examination Information

Year 10 and Year 11 students have now received their timetables for the summer GCSE examinations. Instructions to candidates and information about results day can also be found on the website under 'Letters home'.

### MFL Controlled Assessment Examinations

Year 10 **German** MFLI groups will be completing a controlled assessment on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>/Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May in class.

Year 10 **French** MFLI groups will be completing a controlled assessment on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>/Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May in class.

Mrs Gianakakis

## UK Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Jamie Parsons, Isla Staden, Jake Heron, Charlie Elves, Erin Bullions and Tim Gan (Year 11), Matthew Twigger (Year 10), and Winnie Lam, Ben Smith, Lucy Dickson and Conor Litten (Year 9). These students all did exceptionally well in the recent UK Maths Challenge. They were awarded gold certificates and have been invited to compete in a European Maths Challenge.

Congratulations should also go to Laura Fabian, Fern Woodhouse, Darren Tran, Chris Parkinson and Sarah Back (Year 11) and Joel Cain, Andrew Mills, Alex Jenkins and Matthew Davies (Year 10) who were also awarded gold certificates.

Only the top 7% of students nationally receive gold certificates. Miss Scott

## Indoor Rowing

Well done to the BGS students who represented our school sport partnership at the East London Indoor Rowing championships. Tunde Adekojo, Aimee Lockwood, Milly Bobby and Jamie Grain all took part; with Jamie finishing second in the Year 8 competition. We now await the Bexley team selection for the London Youth Games. Congratulations to all of them for being selected, and performing so well. Mr Lines

## Merits

Congratulations go to Elizabeth Azubuike (7LKS), Dermot Cudmore, Jamie Mcmath, Navdeep Sadra, Oliver Craft (7MGL), Fiona Pereira, Sinthujan Balakumar, Alex Baker, Joseph Vincent, Ellis Denyoh and Carmen Luong (7HLE), for reaching 50 merits.

100 merits have now been gained by Emma Deadman and Katie Marsh (7MGL). Congratulations to both girls who have worked very hard to achieve this. Also Aidan Rye (7APB) has reached 50 merits and is working well in his diploma. Well done to all! Mrs Kemp

Can I take this opportunity to say congratulations to James Bell (7LRB) who was one of the mascots in last week's England v Egypt game. Well done James! Mrs Kemp

Congratulations as well to Jonathan Sargent (8MPL) who has reached 50 merits. Mr Lines

**All names will be entered into the draw for an iPod.**

## PA Quiz Night

### Q: Do you know what a *ferntickle* is?

If you do, then hopefully you were at Friday's quiz night. That's when the little grey cells belonging to around 170 of us were put through their paces by our fantastic quizmaster Stuart. You may well be surprised to find that first place out of 22 tables went to a group of parents and children (Dawn Barton and her son Jack from form 8MJR and their team) and not to the BGS teachers! A big thank you to all the BGS staff who came along. We're expecting them to regain their honour by swotting up in time for the next quiz night later in 2010 (details to be announced in a future newsletter). Everyone had a great time and nearly £1,000 was raised towards this year's PA target.

Many thanks to all those who supported this very successful and well-attended event.

### A: A *ferntickle* is a Scottish term for a freckle



## Mock Exam Date for English A-Level

Please see Miss Fairbairn **or** Miss Ramsden if you cannot attend your exam date.

### AS LITERATURE (Year 12)

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 3.10pm-5.25pm

in J7, J8, J18 and J19

## Sports Relief 2010

BGS is organising an event after school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March: THE MILE RUN!

If you would like to take part, sponsor forms are available from Mrs Wieck in H8. The event will take place on our sports field and everyone is welcome to run, walk or stroll the mile, depending on your preference.

If any parent wishes to join in, we would be pleased to see you too!

Event should start soon after 3.30pm. Mrs Wieck

### GCSE Spanish Revision Classes

All sessions will be held on **Wednesdays** in **L3** from **3.15-4.15**

All Year 11 Spanish students are welcome to attend sessions - please choose the areas you feel you need most practice on and come along.

Date	Topic
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Topics E and F
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Coursework
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Coursework

## Academic Council

Coming up this month is the Year 7 Parents' Evening. You might want to devise a list of questions with your parents that you want to ask the teachers. Don't forget to take along your planner and remember to take on board the advice that the teachers will undoubtedly give you.

Also don't forget to visit our frontier page where you can ask any academic-related questions and even get help with your homework!

### Quote of the week:

"I can't do it" never yet accomplished anything; "I will try" has performed wonders. George P Burnham



## World Book Day

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, Bexley Grammar School celebrated *World Book Day* in style with members of staff and 6<sup>th</sup> form joining forces to highlight the benefits of reading a good book. Visitors to the school may have spotted teachers from a number of departments dressed as such literary luminaries as Long John Silver, Holly Golightly and Hermione Granger. Some 6<sup>th</sup> Form students added to this by arriving to school as the Mad Hatter, Harry Potter and Goldilocks, to name but a few.

Throughout the day, literature invaded all lessons as Spanish students discussed *Don Quixote* and Sociology students read extracts from *Brave New World*. There was also plenty of opportunity for students to get their hands on literary

prizes such as box sets and book tokens with World Book Day quizzes and a Key Stage 3 quote hunt. Thank you to all staff and students for making this an enjoyable day and congratulations to the following students for bagging the prizes:

Key Stage 3 quiz: Lucy Dunk 7LRB (£20 book tokens)

Key Stage 4 quiz: Tarin Chana 10CJW (£20 book tokens)

Key Stage 5 quiz: Vicky Warrell 13CG (£20 book tokens)



Mr Baker

**Can you please help us by sending in your Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. We have a collection box for vouchers in our Reception area. Thank you.**