



## Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November ~ PA Meeting 7.30pm

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November ~ PA Race Night

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November ~ Inset Day

## Europa Town

Last week we held our Europa Town event. Please find below a report from Sue Dean, Primary Consultant at Bexley Council:

'I just wanted to express a vote of thanks to you all for yet another sterling Europa Town effort. It is worth noting that this time alone, Bexley Grammar impacted upon 960 Bexley pupils' language learning whilst raising their aspirations as a result of their contact with your exemplary 6th formers. Not only were your 6th formers able to share their language skills with pupils from many schools in Bexley of varying ages, but they also exhibited the enviable qualities of empathy and self motivation proving to be excellent role models for their younger peers in primary schools.

I'd particularly like to commend the very thoughtful young man who paid for a Lessness Heath pupil's cake and ice cream as a result of his having with him no suitable cash. Highly generous and modest to boot.

I do hope we can arrange a similar event next year as our primary schools have clamoured for access, hence why our focusing this year upon the schools that had previously not taken up the offer. I believe that in the 4 or 5 years of Europa Town, there are now fewer than 5 primary or junior schools that have not applied to attend'. Sue Dean

## Work Experience

The entire Year 11 cohort took part in a work experience programme during the week leading up to half term. The experience itself gave the students the opportunity to discover what it is like in the world of work and to explore the day to day schedules that companies and businesses have to run by.

Students had to use their communication and social skills in order to quickly establish themselves within a team of workers which is a hard task to do within just one week. From all of the students that I personally went to see it was clear that the companies offering placements this year

provided a very enriching experience. I heard reports of how polite, focussed and mature all of the pupils were and how much of an impact they had made on the various projects that were taking place.

I think I speak for all of the Year 11 students when I say a huge thank you to Mrs Longman for providing such a well organised week. The thorough programme of preparation before the week, delivered through PSHCE lessons, allowed the experience to be one unmatched by many other schools.

I would also add how fantastic it was for me to hear such complimentary comments from all of the teachers who went to visit students on their placements, they really were a credit to the school.

Mr Pullen (Director of Studies Year 11)

## Year 8

Last Friday the idea of Vertical Tutoring was introduced throughout the school. It will be held every two weeks during House Academic Monitoring for twenty minutes. Each House is split into separate groups, with people from all years in every group. The aim is to encourage us to make friends with people in our House from across a range of year groups. Further information is available with your form tutor.

Most of the Year 8s have now taken an end of module test in their first and second language and in Maths as well.

Year 8 Parents' Evening has just passed (Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November) and was a great success, with many positive views all round from members of staff. Keep up the hard work!

Katie Chant, Christopher Goring and Matt Ward 8PEB

## Year 10

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October Year 10 participated in a Coca Cola Enterprise Day. Out of the whole year, a total of five groups will be entered into the next round against other schools from across the country. Well done to each of these groups, especially Crimson Fizz who won overall and presented a brilliant speech in front of the entire year, Mr Welsh and two guest judges.

Congratulations to our Netball team, too, who won 32-5 (yes, 32 to 5!) against the Bexleyheath Year 11 Netball Team. All the team played well but in particular Nicole Sigler who was the Player of the Match. The Football team unfortunately lost against Bonus Pastor 5-3. Well done to Luke Andrew who was player of the match.

Katie Bennett, IOAGF

### Sports News

The Year 7 rugby team has only recently been formed and has played 3 matches so far. The first match was against Trinity Lee. This was a tough match and we were heading for a victory until Trinity Lee scored a try in the last minute. This made the score 15-15 and the match ended in a draw. The second match was against Trinity. This was a great win and the score at the end was 35-12. The third match we played was a fantastic score of 54-0. This match was against St Pauls. These amazing scores are all thanks to our fantastic players and the excellent coach, Mr Lines.

If you want to be a part of this team come along to rugby training Mondays after school at 3.05 pm. I am in the rugby team and I enjoy it very much. I would recommend it to anyone. So come along and see if you're interested in rugby. We need a lot of people to play and who knows you could be part of the team.

Marco Bernard-Brown (7CMS)

Year 9 Football ~ Charles Darwin 1-2 Bexley Grammar (AET). The match started strong for BGS and within the first ten minutes we had a few early opportunities that unfortunately went astray. Charles Darwin fought hard though and kept the match very close. After half-time with the match 0-0 and Chris Godchild (GK) already pulling off some great saves, BGS knew something had to be done. As the match drew on, with Chris Godchild consistently pulling off astonishing saves to keep us in the match, BGS grabbed the opener. Ryan Clarke (JR) scored a brilliant goal to put us ahead. In the last minute, just when we thought the game was won, they equalised. With players tiring, extra time grew hard and with penalties looming, Ryan Clarke doubled his tally with another sublime finish. This sealed the match for BGS with Chris Godchild (JMP) as 'Man of the Match' for his out-standing shot-stopping and all round performance.

Marco Faratro(Capt) 9JMP

### Merits

Congratulations go to Christopher Mills (8LRB) and Amy Dykes (8MGL) who have successfully reached 50 merits this year. Well done and keep up the good work!

Mrs Kemp

### Clubs

Last Tuesday was the first Year 7 Geography club meeting, led by the prefects, where we talked to the students about what they liked and associated with geography. Afterwards, we did a few activities rewarded with sweets, and it seemed that everyone there enjoyed it. The club runs every Week B on a Tuesday after school in M17 - we will welcome any Year 7s that want to come and join the fun. Coming up we have food themed sessions, films, a local trip, and lots more fun activities!

Fiona Hennessy and Alex Levey Y13