



Macbeth

On the 7th November, 28 students from Drama Club performed Macbeth at the Unicorn Theatre as part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival. The day was an excellent opportunity for students to perform in a professional theatre, meet and work with technical and artistic experts and watch other schools perform their own adaptations of Shakespeare plays.

The students were a true credit to the school which was demonstrated through their behaviour, attitude and talent throughout the day, which consisted of lots of rehearsals – technical and dress, waiting for curtain calls and supporting students from other schools.

The festival organisers praised the students for their ensemble work which was described as 'slick and focused' as well as their commitment throughout the performance. The artistic director for the whole Shakespeare Schools Festival commented that this was the best version of Macbeth they had seen starring children or adults. Special mention must go to Robert Johnson and Naomi Wass as Macbeth and Lady Macbeth for leading this stellar cast with flair.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the students for their fantastic effort and hard work and are very excited about presenting this show in school in association with *Living with Lady Macbeth* in December.

If you would like to see pictures please go to https://www.flexschools.co.uk/host/reputations_ssf/index.php and the code is **UNTS18X** Drama Department



Congratulations to the Drama Department and particularly to Mr Otley for this tremendous success. To have had the experience of performing in a London Theatre will be a treasured memory for all those involved and to have done this with such professionalism is a credit to students and staff alike. If you missed the London performance, don't despair! Look out for tickets to the performance of Macbeth on **1st, 3rd and 4th of December in school**, to be advertised soon. We cannot quite create the same magical atmosphere of a real theatre, but you will be sorry if you miss the chance to see the quality of this production.

Mr Elphick

News

Year 9 welcomes a new Senior Academic Mentor ~ Congratulations to Miss Skinner who has become the temporary Senior Academic Mentor to Year 9.

Miss Sana will be taking over 9AES who will remain 9AES for the remainder of the academic year. Miss Skinner will maintain close links with the form and will be eagerly tracking their progression.

Miss Squires

Congratulations to Romilly Bobby of 7SRA, who is the winner of the Comic Book Writing Club's poster designing competition. Romilly has won a special prize, which can be collected from Miss Edmundson in the English office!

Miss Edmundson

On ECM day, we had an anti-bullying presentation competition. The winners will be representing BGS at the Borough Conference later in the month. Congratulations to all! There are just so many deserved winners that we cannot name you all. Well done!

Ellis Denyoh 7HLE

Sports News

Congratulations to the Year 11 football team who beat The Priory School 10-1 in the Invicta Trophy. The team played superbly well throughout the match and progress comfortably into the third round against Welling School.

Player of the Match: George Hutton

Mr Rosenthal

Girls' Football ~ The under 16s team beat a very strong Leigh CTC side 4-0, to secure their place in the quarter finals of the Kent Cup. Goal scorers were Charlotte Long, Erin Bullions, Emily Symonds and Charlotte Harris. They now play Bexleyheath away in the next few weeks.

Mrs Haslam

Year 12 Level 2 Sports Leaders ran an excellent Hi-5 Netball tournament for four local primary schools before half term, many thanks to all the girls who refereed and organised the competition, won by Foster's Primary School.

Our Level 2 Sports Leaders will also be running a multi-skills festival for our family of schools at the end of the month. This will include a range of activities to improve the agility, balance and coordination of young people in Year 3.

Mr Lines & Mr Rosenthal

Forthcoming Events

Friday 20th November ~ Children in Need
 Tuesday 24th November ~Governors' Briefing – The IB and its Ethos for Years 10 & 11
 Monday 30th November ~ Inset Day
 Wednesday 2nd December ~ UCAS deadline
 Friday 4th December ~ Deadline for 6th Form Applications

Exams

Year 11 Mock exams take place from Monday 7th December to Friday 18th December inclusive. Students should already have received copies of the timetable and study leave letter ~ copies can also be found on the BGS website under 'Letters Home'.

Mrs Gianakakis

Clubs

Culture Club ~ Coming soon for 6th formers only: Letters will be available from Friday 13th November for the best-selling West End Show *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, starring the lovely Anna Friel and based on the comic but controversial short story by Truman Capote.

We are expecting this to be very popular, but will make the first letters available to readers of this newsletter! So make your way to the English office ASAP if you would like to go.

Ms Hanington & Ms Stoddard

English G & T club ~ Are you in Year 11? Do you love English Literature? Are you considering it as an option for A Level? Please come along to the G & T club, every Wednesday at 3:10pm in G3.

Wednesday 11th November – *The Snow Child* by Angela Carter
 Wednesday 18th November – Clare, Hardy, Blake and Shakespeare – selected poetry
 Wednesday 25th November – *Sexing the Cherry* by Jeanette Winterson
 Wednesday 2nd December – *The Chain* by Tobias Woolf

Notices

World challenge ~ ALL students have received a WHITE emergency contact form which MUST be given to their team leader by MONDAY 16th NOVEMBER.

All students have also been given a green 'Training weekend details and key information' sheet. We will leave school at 11.00am on FRIDAY and return by 1pm on SUNDAY.

The students will get their first taste of what to expect on this weekend and hopefully it will be an enjoyable experience for all.

Miss Fairbairn

Message to parents from the Finance Office ~ Could you please ensure that when paying for school trips/revision books by cheque that your son/daughter's name and form is on the back of the cheque with the name of the trip/ book.

If you are paying in cash please ensure your son/daughter hands the cash to a member of the **Finance Office** staff letting them know it is cash and they also need to **ask for a receipt**.

Many thanks.

Mrs Dell

1p Meal Deal for Tuesday 24th November ~Fruit pots

Children in Need

Here are some of the events happening next week:

- Battle of the Bands: Thursday lunch time in the Hall. Entry forms from Bethany Stock in 8JMP or SW in H8.
- Non-uniform day is on Friday 20th. Please remember to pay your £1 to your form rep.
- Teacher/students karaoke on Friday at lunch time in the Hall. See Summer Reynolds in 11RHS for more details.
- 'Coins on Pudsey': bring in your spare pennies to cover Pudsey Bear, in Canteen Extension
- Get Sponsored! Sponsor Forms available from H8.



Parents' Association

THANK YOU! Line Dancing on Fri 16th Oct was HUGE fun and **£360 was raised for the School**.

HOT OFF THE PRESS!!

Mr Welsh is now busy looking at catalogues for the outdoor recreation equipment for the School and a new target is to be announced.



PARENT SURVEY

We want to arrange events to cover wide ranging tastes. A survey will be circulated shortly – **please help us** – with your input we can meet your wants and expectations.