



Morocco 2010

On March 31st, a group of IB and AS level students ventured off to Morocco with Mr Miles, Ms Rock and Mr Shaw. At first we were disappointed with the lack of sunshine, but were proved wrong as it got increasingly sunny and warm throughout the first day, whilst we walked up and down the streets of Marrakesh, doing questionnaires and data collection.

On the second day, we visited the Souks (like a market in an enormous maze) and discovered the richness and colour of the Moroccan Culture, haggling our prices down as much as possible ('We're foreign, not stupid' – as one of the girls rightly said) and learning of the gender inequality in some LEDC countries – where women are generally seen as second-class citizens.

However, the best part of the trip had to be the visit to the Zegora Desert. Riding in on camels (which the boys will tell you is uncomfortable!), singing and dancing with a nomadic tribe and sleeping under a sky painted with stars were all unforgettable experiences – especially for Mr Shaw as he was bitten to death by insects during the night! We also spent a (very long) day collecting data in the river in Imlil, which was exciting as we battled the river and rocks to get to new sites, and a day out on a walking trip which gave us beautiful views of the surrounding mountains.

This trip was unforgettable and a once in a lifetime experience – I urge anyone who has the chance to go next year – it's so worth it.

Fiona Hennessy 12CHV

Year 12 International Baccalaureate

Last week the Year 12 IB students were off timetable researching their extended essay. As in previous years the students have chosen some highly imaginative and interesting areas to investigate e.g. Chemistry - "How is the calcium content of eggs related to their strength and thickness?"; Film studies - "To what extent is Tarantino guilty of exploiting the film traditions of Japanese cinema?"; English - "How far can you consider C.S. Lewis's Chronicles of Narnia to be a Christian allegory?"; History - "To what extent did the actions of Britain during the Suez Crisis of 1956 impact upon its ability to influence a resolution to the Arab/Israeli conflict?"; Psychology - "To what extent does having children affect marital happiness?"

Students will be busy researching in University libraries and conducting experiments in school in preparation for completing their 4000 word investigation. I am looking forward to seeing the results of their hard work over the coming months.

Mr Brown

Year News

Year 7 ~ We would like to congratulate everyone who took part in House dance. It was a tough decision as all the Houses were really good. The results were: 1st Wellman, 2nd Kirkman, 3rd Prothero, 4th Johnson, 5th Mabbs and 6th Collins. We would also like to remind students to revise for upcoming tests, as they want to do well. 7MGL Prefects

Year 10 ~ The Year 10s played a major part in the success of the Bexley Grammar teams at the Bexley Schools Athletics Championships on Monday. Congratulations to all of those who contributed with exceptional performances to help the team achieve their goal.

Especially well done to Richard Jimoh who won the 100m final, running against some competitors who were in Year 11.

Nikhil Faulkner Year 10



Forthcoming Events

Friday 28th May ~ Year 9 & Year 10 Reports issued

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June ~ Half Term

Saturday 12th June ~ Sports Day and Summer Fayre

Monday 14th June ~ Day off in lieu of Sports Day

KS3 Book Club

We are treading carefully this fortnight into the realms of Fighting Fantasy books. If you like the idea of a novel where you decide how events run their course, dependent on the battles you choose and choices you make, and then read "The Warlock of Firetop Mountain" ready for next Thursday 20th May. We'll be discussing the book and the experience of gaming books in general. Bring your lunch (see me for a lunch pass) and come along!

Ms Casey

Reading Mentors

On Thursday the 6th May the Year 12 English prefects took part in a reading mentor training day in the library. For the entire day we had a professional come into the school to train us on how to find fun ways to teach younger peers on how to improve their reading. From this training we will then go on to teach in academic monitoring time in the hope of increasing their reading age and ultimately helping them in their school life.

The day started with a look through the booklet and looking at different activities to help us decide on fun methods to teach, we then watched a video on effective and ineffective training before doing an exercise where we practised what materials we would choose.

Overall, the day was a complete success and was very enjoyable, we learnt a lot and we can't wait to put it into practice after our exams.

Emma Supple – Year 12 English prefect



Summer Fayre ~ Donation Requests

A few pitches left! We are able to open the opportunity again to parents to run a stall at our forthcoming Summer Fayre alongside the nearly 40 stalls currently being planned by students and staff. Places are extremely limited and we will have to operate on a 'first come first served' basis. Stalls will contribute in some way to the community aims of the Summer Fayre and will raise money for the Parents' Association stated fundraising drive: to enhance Sixth Form facilities. If you would like to participate, please email the school at enquiries@bexleygs.co.uk with a brief description of the stall and how it would raise funds for the PA.

Mr Elphick

The office ladies are again planning to hold a Bottle Tombola at the Summer Fayre and we would be very grateful for any donations of different types of 'bottles' – filled obviously! Our stall was really successful last year and we had lots of fun.

This could include wine and spirits as well as perfume and bath products, re-filled jars of sweets, savoury sauces etc – the possibilities are endless.

If you have anything to donate, the ladies on Reception will be pleased to receive your contribution.

Thank you from us all.

Mrs Kendall

The Attendance Office will be running a second-hand book stall at the Summer Fayre and would be grateful for any donations of unwanted books. Any donations should be brought to the Attendance Office. Thank you. Mrs Jeffery

At this year's summer fair, 7HLE are planning to run a crockery smashing stall. I have asked pupils not to 'borrow' any precious items from home, but if any parents are able to spare any damaged / unwanted crockery, please could pupils bring them to the English Office where they will be gratefully received by Miss Edmundson.

It's best not to take them to the staff room in case they end up being used for lunch. We are also looking to borrow groundsheets and gardening gloves, so those will also be received with pleasure (and returned undamaged).

Many thanks.

Miss Edmundson (tutor of 7HLE)

Merits

Congratulations go to Callum Taylor and Maisie Lau 7LKS for reaching 50 merits and working successfully towards the diploma and to Ileri Akinlude 7LKS for successfully reaching 50 merits.

Congratulations also go to Louisa Dodd 7APB for reaching 100 merits and achieving a distinction for this section of the diploma. Well done! Mrs Kemp

Well done to Marco Faratro 8JMP for achieving 50 merits. Mr Johnson