



## Workshop with National Youth Theatre

On Friday, as part of The Shakespeare School's festival, the cast of Macbeth took part in a workshop with directors from the National Youth Theatre of Great Britain. The pupils took a trip along the Southbank (see photo) and to the Unicorn theatre where they will be performing on the 7th November (tickets are available from the Unicorn Theatre website).

The director praised the cast heavily, commenting on their behaviour and mentioned that they were the most responsive group they had seen all week. The cast performed 10 minutes of the Macbeth production, which left the other schools and the NYT members stunned. They represented the school and themselves wonderfully with both their maturity and their acting skills.

I hope to see many of you at the production in London on Saturday 7th November, and/or at School on December 1st, 3rd and 4th as it now has a professional seal of approval.

Mr Otley



## And the results are in...

HUGE congratulations to the following winners and runners up of the **Studimus Ludimus Display competition**, judged by Mr Welsh:

1<sup>st</sup> – Megan, Katie, Emily, Nathan and Grace from 7SRA

2<sup>nd</sup> – Jaiveer, Lucy, Sean and Jake from 7LKS

3<sup>rd</sup> – Simran, Maisie, Elizabeth, Kim and L'tia from 7LKS

There is also special mention for all the displays that made the top ten, all of which will be going on display in the English, Latin and MFL departments over the next couple of weeks. Go and have a look!

Ms Casey

## Work Experience

Year 11 will be out on work experience next week, with a wide variety of employers. Well done to students for organising placements, and we hope you have a really interesting and useful week. We are very grateful to all the employers for providing these opportunities to students, especially in the current difficult economic climate, and look forward to hearing from students about their experiences, and from employers about the positive contribution BGS students have made in the workplace.

Best of luck.

Mrs Longman, Mr Crawford and Miss Ampong

## Seaford Visit

Recently the Year 9s have been on a Geography field trip to the coastal town of Seaford. It was a very educational trip and we all learned a lot about the coast and how the waves are destroying the small villages near the beach. We didn't just learn about the coast but also about the town.

We broke into smaller groups, were given a map and had to find our way around the village. We had to take notes about the people we saw and had to take in account the kind of shops that were there. It was not very busy as it was a weekday but it was still a lot of fun.

We went walking and burned off a lot of calories and we were going up and down many hills. It was good exercise! It was a lot of fun as well and I am glad we got the chance to go. I would definitely go again if offered the chance.

Overall it was a very educational trip and we all enjoyed it!

Sarah Abbott 9JNA

## Forthcoming Events

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October ~ Year 8 and Year 9 Reports issued

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October ~ **Early finish at 1.30 pm** due to

Open Evening for Prospective Year 7 pupils

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October ~ Half Term

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November ~ Year 8 Parents' Evening

## News

Last Friday afternoon Years 7 & 8 enjoyed a drama presentation by 'Wrigleys' aimed at encouraging pupils to dispose of chewing gum responsibly.

The show was funny whilst being thought provoking and will form the lead to some PSHCE work on litter reduction.

Below are some comments from Year 7 students .....

"It takes millions of pounds a year to clear chewing gum from the pavements but it would be so easy to put it in the bin."

Daniel Hale

"The actors were very realistic and they referred to things in a way people my age would understand."

Jemima Itang

"I really enjoyed this performance because it was lively and fun."

Amy Dykes

"We should not throw chewing gum on the floor as it is expensive to clean up."

Mahdi Ahmed

## Sports News

The Under 16 Girls' Football team beat The Priory School 8-0 in the Kent Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> round, with an amazing display of football. Goal scorers were Erin Bullions, Eleanor Meehan, Naomi Wass, Alex Foulds, Charlotte Harris and Charlotte Long. They will play either Gravesend or Leigh Academy in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round in November. Thanks to Archie Woodgate for refereeing the match.

Mrs Haslam

Year 7 Rugby ~ Congratulations to the boys on their first rugby match against Hayes. Despite losing 17-10 the boys showed real promise and I am sure that in a few games they will be unstoppable. Luke Austin was the player of the match.

Mr Boyle

Year 8 Rugby ~ The boys continue their winning ways from last year, demolishing Hayes 53-0 in an outstanding performance, with Daniel Amarquaye being player of the match.

Mr Boyle

It was a fantastic week of sport for the Year 8 teams last week. The boys' basketball team won both their opening league fixtures away to Trinity and Bexleyheath Schools on Monday, 21-12 and 26-4 respectively. On Wednesday the football team won 4-2 in a 2<sup>nd</sup> round Kent Cup tie away to St Gregory's in Tunbridge Wells. And lastly, but by no means least, the boys' rugby team travelled to Hayes School on Friday afternoon and in bad weather conditions managed to dominate the opposition in a 53-0 win! A huge well done to everyone involved.

Mr Skinner

## Notices

23 Year 12 Students will be completing their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award Expedition this weekend near Maidstone. Please keep your fingers crossed for good weather!

Miss Dowling

A brand new Comic Book Writing Club will be running after half term. Exclusively for Year 7 and 8 pupils, the club will run in J18 every Monday after school from 3.10-4.00. The club will give you the opportunity to design and illustrate your very own comic book, plus you will be able to swap your used comics with other pupils! Paper will be provided, but you may wish to bring your own colouring pencils / stencils / comics as inspiration.

Miss Edmundson

KS3 Book Club starting ~ Do you love reading? Like having a chat about the books you've read? Come along to the new Year 7 and 8 Book club with Ms Casey and Miss Woodcock on Thursdays of Week A. We'll start meeting fortnightly after half term so keep an eye out for details in form trays and on the screens.

Ms Casey

## Academic Council

Year 11 Work Experience - 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October

*Top tips for those undertaking their work experience soon:*

- 1) Remember to dress appropriately, and that you represent the school
- 2) You are there to learn, so if you don't understand something... don't be afraid to ask!
- 3) Make sure you keep a note of the details of your placement, so you can use it for future references and to add to your CV

Good luck to everyone involved!

### Quote of the week:

"My mother said to me; "If you are a soldier, you will become a general. If you are a monk, you will become the Pope." Instead, I was a painter and I became Picasso." - Pablo Picasso

Read here next week to find more student learning help and guidance from the Academic Council, for all years!