



Europa Town

Over the course of Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th November 8 local primary schools came to Bexley Grammar School to attend Europa Town. Accompanied by their teachers, teaching assistants and parent helpers, around five hundred pupils from Year 4, 5 and 6 accessed our annual French market event.

Year 12 BGS students manned the stalls, which ranged from a boulangerie to a pharmacie to an International stall where the primary school pupils could try out the other six languages taught by the MFL department at Bexley. The Sixth Formers did a superb job of welcoming the younger pupils and encouraging them to use French in a realistic setting to greet them and make purchases. The Foreign Language Leaders also prepared and delivered a fantastic puppet show in French. Their enthusiasm, efforts and patience were commended by our visitors.

The three days were very much enjoyed by the primary school pupils and their staff and by us here at BGS. Thank you to everyone who helped to make it such a great experience.

Miss Price

Forthcoming Events

Monday 21st November ~ UCAS application deadline

Friday 25th November ~ PA Bollywood Dinner/Dance

Monday 28th November ~ Inset day

Thursday 1st December ~ Twelfth Night & Pantomime

Friday 2nd December ~ Twelfth Night & Pantomime

Thursday 8th December ~ Christmas Concert at St John's Church

World Challenge

Many congratulations to Nikhil Faulkner who completed every Olympic track and field event in just six hours to help fund an experience of a lifetime - his World Challenge trip to India next year, where he will trek through the Himalayas and carry out community projects. Nikhil raised over £1,000 through sponsorship as spectators watched him run, jump, throw and hurdle!

Well done Niki!

Mrs Leffen

Notices

Language clinic and magazine club ~ The language department is running a language club for all French, Spanish, German, Italian, Japanese, Chinese and Russian students.

Year 12 language prefects will be in L1 every Tuesday after school and will help with homework or anything pupils haven't understood in class. Those attending will also create a magazine comprising all the languages and pupils of all ages are encouraged to contribute – from a word search or crossword to a film review, short story or article. Come along every Tuesday in L1 from 3.05 to 4.00.

The language prefects

Sports News

Year 11 Netball Tournament

On Thursday 10th November the Year 11 netball team took part in the U16 Kent Schools Netball tournament held at Rainham School for Girls. The team all played fantastically well in the first round which consisted of seven games, not losing a single match and including an impressive 15-0 victory over Dartford Grammar School for Girls, finishing top of their group. They then went on to play Bromley High School in the knockouts. This was a closely fought match, which we won 7-6. This meant that they were through to the quarter finals where





they had to play Cranbrook School. Despite everyone putting their all into the match Cranbrook put up a strong fight and eventually won 10-5 knocking us out. However, the team did really well to reach the quarter finals coming joint 5th out of the 60 schools which started the competition.

Congratulations to Olivia Phelan who was voted Player of the tournament.
Jodie Morton

Well done to the Year 11 Netball team - they did exceptionally well, playing some difficult opposition. The whole team showed great skill and determination throughout the tournament.

Congratulations!
Miss Leffen

News from the Parents' Association

A big thank you goes to Barclays Bank who has given the PA £750 in matched funding for staff member and Year 8 parent Dawn Barton, and last July's Year 7 diploma evening barbeque.

Look out for this year's Christmas Shop where students can buy presents for friends and family at pocket-money-friendly prices! Dates and times will be announced shortly.

Attention parents of students in 7LJP, 7EFM, 7SMA and 7CJW

We are still looking for Parent Form Reps for these classes so if you could spare 30 minutes or so a week, please contact form reps co-ordinator Sukina at: sukinabanks@googlemail.com

The PA set up a system of Parent Form Reps last year to help parents of new children in the school get to know each other and the school. A key part of this is the sharing of contact details between each form's parents and the form rep is crucial to co-ordinate this. Contacts made in Years 7 and 8 can benefit our children and us throughout our time at the school - with homework queries, school trip timings, car sharing, volunteering to help at events or just making friends.



NEW

Bexley Grammar School Carers Club

We are setting up a new support club for pupils of any age at BGS who have siblings at home with a disability, a special need or for any pupil who performs a role of carer at home.

The club will offer the pupils a time to meet together in a supportive environment. This will be a time when they can receive peer support, share experiences and be encouraged to develop their self-esteem.

The group will have organised meetings and supervised trips out of school time. These trips will provide an opportunity for those pupils to have time to themselves, whilst enjoying activities and learning new skills away from the pressures of their caring roles at whatever level they might be.

Pupils who feel they would like to be a part of this club can email me on haslam_c@bexleygs.co.uk or see me in person in S5 if they would like more details.
Mrs C Haslam

School Christmas Production: The Pantomime & Twelfth Night (or What You Will)

Please join us for what promises to be a night of wonderful performances, many laughs and a large helping of festive cheer on Thursday 1st December & Friday 2nd December, 7pm. Ticket prices are £6.00 adults and £4.50 children (under 18) and concessions.

Enter the festive spirit with a brace of seasonal performances: William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night followed by the (almost) equally expert writing of our very own IB Year 12s who have penned a brand new Pantomime for this Christmas.

Mr Otley

Merits

Well done to Millie Richardson (7LJP), Ife Adeoti, Sarah Cotter, Duncan Geddis, George Ross and Jordan White all from 7SMA on reaching 50 merits this term.

A fantastic effort that shows a lot of hard work.

Mr Pullen