



## Forthcoming Events

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September ~ School Photographs for Years 7, 9 & 12

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September ~ Year 7 Parents' Evening

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September ~ INSET Day**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September ~ Year 13 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October ~ Parents' Association AGM

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October ~ Year 11 Parents' Evening

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October ~ Parents' Association Line Dancing Evening

## Rivers of the World

Last Summer term the following Year 10 (then Year 9) pupils took part in the "Rivers of the World" project: Katie Crowe, Melissa Ettridge, Sam Milson, Aaron Thompson, Scott Evans, Michael King, Melissa Kyriacou, Oliver Gilson, Chris Piper, Henry Wong, James Kelly, Emilie Gummer, Juliette Long, Louise Braybrook, Sam Brierly and Colina Archie Pearce.

Led by Mrs Hassan-Smith and Mrs Whitehorn, these pupils worked with outside artists to create a piece of public art that was recently on display at London's Southbank as part of the Thames Festival. Their work was placed (prominently!) alongside that of hundreds of schools from around the world. As part of the ongoing project Bexley Grammar School has now been partnered with the Techno India Group Public School in Calcutta. Their Head Teacher and lead Science teacher visited us last Friday with a view to forging various cross-curricular links between our two establishments. We are all very excited to see where this project could lead.

Miss Peach

## Year 7

Just to say a big welcome to all Year 7 pupils and parents! It has been a busy but positive time getting accustomed to the life of the school but we hope that your son/daughter has made an easy transition this week.

Please note that in addition to the weekly school newsletter, the Year 7 team will be providing you with termly newsletters of the activities and achievements involving your children and our students. One of the goals of our tutor team is to keep you all informed of the ongoing endeavours and events that BGS students partake in. Your son/daughter should have received a copy of the first Year 7 newsletter or alternatively you can find this on the school website.

It was great to see so many of our Year 7s and their parents

at the Year 7 BBQ too.

Now you are settled in to school life you can start to focus on the Year 7 Diploma, so make sure you are joining in extra-curricular clubs and House events, and also working hard to receive lots of merits!

May we also remind you to get your planners signed by your Parents/Guardians at the end of each week please.

Mrs Kemp and Miss Lynch

## ADT Department

Last year's Year 9 Design and Technology pupils took part in a project which saw them working in collaboration with the management team at The Bexley Holiday Inn. They were given real design briefs for projects that were happening at the Inn. Pupils were asked to create a breakfast-to-go for busy executives leaving the hotel early. They were given design briefs to develop the staff room into a modern and welcoming space and to make feature designs for external refurbishment of the building.

Pupils took part in a variety of activities including visiting the building, interviewing staff, and observing the chef and management at work.

Design work was then developed in school and presented to the clients to judge who had created the best products to fit the briefs. Work was shown in the form of a nerve wracking presentation to the clients who questioned the students as if they were on a job interview.

Our pupils presented themselves well impressing the management staff with their confidence, poise under pressure and design ideas. Much praise was given by the Holiday Inn staff to all pupils who took part in the project and some ideas definitely caught their attention. These were Binal Patel and Reece Davis for their redesign of the staffroom, George Palmer, Nicholas Wren and Sahir Khan for their stained glass window designs. Tony Lawrence and Jamie Smith created

breakfast smoothies which were so popular people were queuing up for more.

Well done to all students who took part and thanks to the management at The Holiday Inn for their time and support.

Miss Francis

## English Department

Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> September – Reading week for A2 English Literature students. **This will only affect English lessons and attendance is compulsory.** Could all students ensure that they have read the memo provided by their English teacher and that they come prepared for this essential component of the course.

Miss Ramsden

## Trips

**Skiing Easter 2010** ~ Due to popular demand, the Ski Trip is going back to Les Arcs, France and I have been able to secure some more rooms. So there are now another 20 places available on a first come first served basis. To secure a place a £100 deposit cheque needs to be sent to the Finance Office marked Ski 2010. No previous experience is required and further information is available by contacting Mr Boyle, Head of Physical Education.

**Greece** ~ After a highly successful trip to Rome and the Bay of Naples earlier this year the Classics Department is running a trip to Greece over the February half term in 2010. Students will get to see sites such as the Acropolis and the famous Pantheon temple, Olympia – the home of the ancient Olympics, Delphi where the ancient prophets conversed with the god Apollo and predicted the future. If you are interested please come and get a letter from the Classics Department next to M1. The dead-line to show interest is 2nd October.

Miss Pearson

## Clubs

Sixth Form Culture Club ~ Only 5 tickets remaining to see Mother Courage on Wednesday 23rd September at the National Theatre. Collect a letter from the English Office and take your completed slip and payment along to the Finance Office. A great opportunity not to be missed!

Ms Hanington/Ms Stoddard

Our Русский Клуб (Russian Club) is starting up again this year, and will run on Tuesdays after school in J1 (from 3:15pm until 4pm). We will be starting with Chapter 1 of Iskra 1 (our Russian textbook) for complete beginners and as a revision class for more experienced Russian speakers! If you have any questions, please email Miss V Novikova, [novikova\\_v@bexleygs.co.uk](mailto:novikova_v@bexleygs.co.uk)

M Harris

Archery Club ~ All year groups welcome and no experience required. Archery club runs after school on Thursday and Friday in the school gym.

Any questions please see Mr Brewer.

## Notices

OBA Annual Dinner for any parents/friends who are past pupils:

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept here at BGS cost £22 (cheques payable to OBA), 7.30pm for 8pm. Guest speaker Mr Andy Leech (Head of Latin 1975-1982) apologies for short notice. E-mail me to book and for menu choices, [SNELLING-J@bexleygs.co.uk](mailto:SNELLING-J@bexleygs.co.uk)

The BGS Christian Union will be starting again next week! On Tuesdays every week, we shall be meeting in M20 from 10:40am for 10 minutes for our weekly prayer slot, please just come along. We shall also be meeting on Thursday from 3:15pm until 4pm in L4 on Week A for our bible studies, and Week B we shall meet in the Canteen Extension. M Harris

**BOOKED UP!** This is a government sponsored scheme whereby all Year 7s receive a book on entry to secondary school. All Year 7s should have received their magazine by now which gives details of the choice of books. Decisions need to be made over this weekend so that the orders can be sent off! Books should arrive by half-term. Make sure your son/daughter chooses a book so they will be able to cosy up with a good book over the half-term.

Mrs McAllister (School Librarian)

Homework Club ~ Please note that homework club will be shut on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September due to staff training.

Mrs Price

## World Challenge – Team 3

As most parents are aware, we are travelling to Ecuador in the summer 2010 for one month as part of the World Challenge expedition. This will involve trekking and working on a community project locally.

Collectively, as a group of 13 students, we need to raise **£46,735** to fund this trip. So far our fundraising activities have raised **£14,445** leaving us **£32,290** to go! If anybody can offer a donation or owns a company who can support or sponsor us please contact Harriet Wollaston or Kirstie McLaren I IAGF via the school office.

Look out for more events coming up!

Harriet Wollaston and Kirstie McLaren I IAGF