



The Woman in Black

Last Thursday and Friday people paid good money to be frightened out of their wits as they came to see *The Woman in Black*. This ghost story, that has been chilling audiences in the West End for many years now, was re-told in a production that was entirely student-led. Drew Bristow, Ben Smith, Conor Litten and Daniel Church, ably supported by a crew of Y11 students, put in a phenomenal amount of effort, and showed a high degree of technical and theatrical skill, when they turned this show from an excerpt, performed in 2010 (when they were in Y9), into a production that pushed many of the boundaries of what has been previously accomplished on the BGS stage.

In a message from the parents of those involved, who have lived with *The Woman in Black* for the past two years, I offer the following quote:

“Together, you have worked well to create an outstanding performance, enjoyed by many and remembered by all who have seen it. Well done to everyone for their involvement, however small. Without you it wouldn't be the amazing success it's become today. We've all been suitably SCARED and are incredibly proud of you all.”

These sentiments are echoed by the school – this is a tremendous achievement and a tribute to the talents and energies of our students. I leave you with one final ‘review’: one family who watched the play on Friday night then walked home. On the way back, encountering a misty alley, they remained so affected by what they'd seen that they ended up running as fast as they could lest they encounter the ghoulis spectre of *The Woman in Black*. Fortunately for them they saw no woman...
Chris Asker, Stage Manager

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 26th January ~ Inset Day

Monday 6th February ~ Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening

Thursday 9th February ~ PA Wine Tasting Evening

Monday 13th – Friday 17th February ~ Half Term



Year 8 ADT trip to Horniman Museum

The Year 8 trip to Horniman Museum in Forest Hill this week went very well; pupils viewed artefacts from different cultures and times in order to provide background research for their Year 8 Art exam.

The exam will take place in lesson times over the next few weeks and additional resources are available on Fronter to help with ideas and inspiration.
Miss Peach

Parents' Association

January 2012 Millennium Club winners:

1st - £20 Kevin Turner, Year 7 parent

2nd - £15 Paul Harris, Year 10 parent

Date for the diary - Race Night on 9th March 2012. Look out for details later this month.

Please see flyer attached to this newsletter re: Wine Tasting Evening on Thursday 9th February.

Calling all public speakers in Years 7, 8 and 9!

Do you enjoy debating?
Do you want to improve your speaking skills?
Do you want to engage in discussions over exciting topics?

Then join discussion club!

Where: J8

When: Tuesdays of week A, after school

Who: Year 7, 8 and 9

For more details see Miss Woodcock in the English office



Merits

Congratulations to the following students on reaching 50 merits this term; Kira Tamm, Arun Hills, Orla McDermott, Liam Latham (7SMA), Amy Bloomfield, Bridget Eke (7LJP). Well done also to Andres Ramirez (7SMA) for receiving 100 merits, this is a fantastic achievement.

This effort sees all students on their way to completing the pastoral side of the Year 7 Diploma. *Mr Pullen*

Well done to Michael Foster, Jusleen Gill, Jenorth Santheeswaran, Lewis Watson, Precious Ogundiran, Lucy Ballard, Jessica Whelan, Benjamin Grove, Sarah Deadman, and Oliver Forde (7EP), for reaching 50 merits and to Aaron Harrex on achieving 100 merits.

Keep up the good work.

Mr Crawford

Message from the Finance Office

Dear Parents

Please be advised that the Y8 Science Trip to Herstmonceux can now be paid for via Parentpay.

Please be aware that the e-mail system on ParentPay is not the same as ParentMail. If you move, or change address, you will need to update ParentPay yourself as the school cannot access your accounts in order to change them.

Information regarding payment for School Trips can be found on the Home page of the website.

Many thanks.

Ms Dell



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**BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION
 PRESENTS AN EVENING OF WINE TASTING (ADULTS-ONLY)**

WINE TASTING EVENING

THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2012



**7.30PM ~ 10.00PM
 IN THE OLD SIXTH FORM CENTRE**

The PA invites you to join us for an evening of wine tasting with Mr Piers Hamilton of All About Wine, Locksbottom. Piers will present a blind range of wine styles - red, white and rose - usually tasting around seven different wines.

Piers runs the evening along the lines of a *Call My Bluff* quiz - so fun, informative and not too high brow! If you've never been to a wine tasting before, this is a good place to start.

Cheese & biscuits are included in the cost but do feel free to bring your own nibbles.

£10 PER PERSON (non-refundable)

WINE TASTING EVENING

9th February 2012 - 7.30pm to 10pm

No. of Tickets Required:	___ tickets @ £10 each	Total: £___
Child's Name & Class		
Your Name, Contact Tel No. & Email Address:		

***Cheques payable please to: Bexley Grammar School Parents' Association
 Envelopes must be addressed: FINANCE OFFICE PA WINE TASTING EVENING**

Please return completed Booking Form along with full payment by **Friday 3rd February 2011**.
 Any queries to Helen Mitchell on 07732 395574 or email mitchell_helen@hotmail.co.uk

