



## Forthcoming Events

Last day of Term ~ Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

1<sup>st</sup> day of Summer Term ~ Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

## Year 9

Some 180 Year 9 pupils have visited the WW1 sites around Ypres, in Belgium, in recent weeks. Their behaviour has been exemplary as we would expect from BGS ambassadors. The Menin Gate, Tyne Cot Cemetery and Sanctuary Wood were just some of the highlights of these extraordinary days out. I am deeply grateful to the History Department for organising the visits.

On Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, a dozen pupils will be spending an exciting day at Greenwich University as part of a "Speak Up! Speak Out!" workshop. Each Teaching Group is sending a delegate and the hope is that each student will be able to pass on new skills to colleagues back in the classroom.

The Music and Drama Departments have worked hard to organise visits to West End productions on next Wednesday's ECM Day 4. For me these opportunities are central to what BGS is all about; I am, however, aware that these do have financial repercussions for parents, at what are tough times for us all. Please do contact me, in strictest confidence, if you need some help in meeting the cost of your child's participation in extra-curricular activities.

Adam Willis (9 AMF) has been a highly successful cross-country runner for years; he has just achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Kent School's Championship. Well done!

Finally, and on a sad note, parents and pupils will be upset to hear that Drew Wayment, the U-17s Blackheath rugby player, passed away peacefully at the weekend. Drew's family have written to me to thank our Year 9 for the £325 we raised- the money will now be donated to a cancer charity.

Mr Morris

## Year 10

Congratulations to the Year 10 Football Team for an outstanding performance to beat Erith School 3-1 in the semi-final of the North Kent Cup. The team took the lead through a stunning long range volley by Steadman Callender early on in the match and worked superbly together throughout the rest of the first half. George Hutton made it 2-0 from the penalty spot in the second half before Erith pulled back a goal of their own. Captain Alex Jones made two excellent saves to keep the team ahead, before Wesley Jno-Baptiste killed off the tie, slotting the ball calmly into the net to finish 3-1. Well done to all team members. The Man-of-the-match was Oli Akinwunmi-Ladega!

Pupils, parents and staff are invited to support the team in the final at Erith School on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March (KO to be confirmed). Mr Rosenthal

## Examinations ~ Year 10

If your child is in the French group 10x/Fr1 they will not need to take the Year 10 exams in French. These students have already sat 'mock' examinations with the Year 11s last December and they will be sitting their GCSE French in June 2009.

The same applies for the German group 10y/Gm1 which will not be taking the Year 10 exams in German for the same reason.

The Year 10 exam timetable has been updated. A copy can be found on the website. Click on the 'Parents' button and then 'Mock Timetables' for the information.

Mrs Gianakakis

## Year 11

As always, a big well done to Lucy Pincott and Lucy Bridge 11FF who did a fantastic job helping out with Comic Relief last Friday, hopefully lots of money was raised for charity.

I heard some excellent reports from staff with regards to attitude and behaviour on the recent Year 11 drama trip to 'Blood Brothers' which is very pleasing as Year 11s approach the end of Key Stage 4.

Additionally, the enterprise groups who have been working with Miss Taylor fought head to head with other schools in order to sell their items at 'The Glades' in Bromley this weekend. Positive reports were made particularly with how smart they were...Jack Bates dressed in a suit, he could be the next Alan Sugar! I look forward to celebrating your successes on the 1<sup>st</sup> April at the enterprise group achievement evening. Well done to all and keep up the hard work!

Mrs Kemp

## Diary Dates for Year 11

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June ~ Book Return from 9.30 am – 10.30 am. More details to follow. The Year 11 Boat Trip is also on the 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7.15 pm at Greenwich Pier.

Mrs Kemp

## Diary Dates for Year 13

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June ~ Book Return, details to follow and the Year 13 BBQ.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June ~ End of Year Ball from 7.30 pm.

Mrs Mallin

## Examinations

**Year 9 internal exams ~ Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Year 10 internal exams ~ Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**Years 7 & 8 internal exams ~ Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

**World Book Day** ~ On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, Bexley Grammar School celebrated World Book Day in style when over 20 staff members dressed up as great literary characters for the day. Students were also involved in a BGS character hunt and the English department is pleased to announce that the following students correctly spotted all the characters and a prize will be making its way to them shortly: Katrina Collison 7JMP, Ryan Clarke 7JR, Godwin Okojie 7JR, Katy Naylor 7SAS, Ruby Kessell 7SAS, Shauna Hilton 8ELS. Well done!

Mr Baker

**Dr Faustus** ~ On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, the English department took a number of Year 12 students to see a performance of 'Dr Faustus' at Hayes School in Bromley. The performance featured an interesting twist as the devils in Marlowe's classic became modern day punks! The students thoroughly enjoyed the production and were a credit to the school.

Mr Baker

**Reminder** ~ The closing date for Peer Mentor applications is Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March to Mrs Haslam.

**Christian Union** ~ This coming week, the Christian Union will be meeting on Thursday at 3:15 in L4 for music, to share stories and testimonies, and to discuss the things we are grateful for and the things we hope for. Everybody is more than welcome to come. C U there!

Mr Harris

**Lost property** ~ If you know your child has lost keys, watches, PE kits or articles of clothing etc anytime since September can you please contact Mrs Beasley (receptionist). Any items unclaimed after 6 months will be disposed of i.e. donated to the charity shop and any uniform will be recycled. Thank you.

**BGS Uniform Sale** ~ The Parents' Association invite you to your last chance to pick up bargain items of school uniform and associated sports kit before the Summer Fayre on 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Come along to the PA Uniform stall at the Boot Fair in the school hall on 5<sup>th</sup> April – 10am – 2pm.