Bexley Grammar School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st January 2011

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U14 Netball Tournament

On Thursday 13th January the Year 9 Girls' netball team took part in an all day netball tournament at Rainham School for Girls in Kent. The team consisted of seven players and three rotating subs; Ellen Peirson-Haggar, Fatima Lee, Mary Odonkor, Chelsea Reid, Solape Ladenika, Celine Dodd, Victoria Jones, Abbie Pickering, Lucy Glibbery and myself.

We arrived at around 9:15, completed a quick warm up and soon got into our games, which were five minutes each way. We had 10 minute gaps between each game so we only had time for quick snappy games. There were seven other teams in our pool and out of these we won three (Angley School, Herne Bay High School and Dartford Grammar School for Girls) and lost four (Bishop Justus School, Fort Pitt Grammar School, Highworth Grammar School for Girls and Hillview school for Girls).

Unfortunately, over all we came 5th in our pool of eight which was not high enough to advance to the next round. However, I think we played well throughout the knockout stages, getting into our stride towards the last few games. This was proved in our final game against Dartford Grammar School, which we won 9-4.

In my opinion, we did ourselves proud. Although we were surrounded by many more competitive teams, we persevered and retained a positive attitude throughout. The player of the tournament was Fatima Lee, showing the overall best effort, dedication and team spirit. *Sarah Lasoye, 9JR*

The netballers played fantastically well and should be proud of themselves. It was a pleasure to take them along to the tournament. Thanks girls! *Mrs Kemp and Miss May*

Forthcoming Events

Monday 31st January ~ Year 11 Reports issued
Monday 7th February ~ Years 9 & 10 Reports issued
Monday 7th February ~ Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening
Friday 11th February ~ Year 13 Reports issued
Tuesday 15th February ~ Year 10 Parents' Evening
Monday 21st – Friday 25th February ~ Half Term

Year 8

This week Year 8 visited the Horniman Museum as part of our art work this term. Information gained from the trip goes towards the majority of our end of year art exam - the design of a key ring to reflect the museum.

Last Tuesday we also had an amazing melodrama performance in assembly courtesy of 6 of our own students. Our current drama topic is melodrama in its various forms and seeing such helpless damsels, strong heroes and vile villains brought to life was great fun. This was performed by Rosie Thackeray, Sarah Fathers, Stephanie Rooney, Christopher Goring, Ben Jackson and Connor Sanders, all from 8PEB.

House Music rehearsals are also running at the minute so good luck to everyone involved and we also have Key Stage 3 House showcase coming up where we have a chance to see some talented performers.

Katie Chant, Matt Ward and Chris Goring, 8PEB

Year 10

Year 10 students will be going on work experience from 17th - 21st October 2011, and have begun looking for placements. A letter has gone home explaining the process of finding placements and notifying the school – it is essential all details of placements are given to the careers department as soon as possible. If you have any queries about work experience, or if you/your employer may be able to offer a placement to a Bexley Grammar School student, please contact Mrs Longman or Mrs Aspill on workexperience@bexleygs.co.uk. *Mrs Longman*

Year 11

The Year 11 revision timetable has been updated. The new version will be issued with your reports and can also be found on the website under 'Letters Home'. *Mr Pullen*

Notices

I am looking to run a boxing club on Thursday at lunchtime for Year 9 students. This is due to several members of the year group asking to do some kind of boxing training after their taster sessions run by the Year 12 Community Sports Leaders last year. At the moment it is only open to Year 9s due to limited space. Boys and girls are both welcome. You should bring a change of footwear and top (school PE shirt will do). There will be **NO** actual physical contact, only bag work and fitness training. Meet at the Gym at 12:35pm.
I hope to see you there. *Mr Skinner*

Year 8 & 9 Reading Club ~ This fortnight's Book Club book is 'The London Eye Mystery' by Siobhan Dowd. This is a thrilling adventure story - after Ted's cousin Salim disappears from a pod in mid-air on the London Eye, he and his sister must race against time to find him. We meet Monday of Week A in G10, please bring a packed lunch. *Miss Woodcock*

Calling all aspiring writers! ~ Are you wild about writing? Can you write short stories or poetry? Do you have ambitions to write a bestseller? Or would you just like to know more...
Bexley Grammar Creative Writing Club has arrived! Open to Years 7 & 8, these workshops will give you practical skills to unleash your writing talent! You'll have the chance to read and share your work with others; meet published authors; enter national competitions and have the opportunity to win the school prize for Creative Writing at the end of the year!
If you're interested in finding out more, bring a friend and come along for biscuits and writing! It's on every Tuesday in G2 with Miss Peters after school from 3.10 – 4.10. Happy scribbling!
Miss Woodcock

Merits

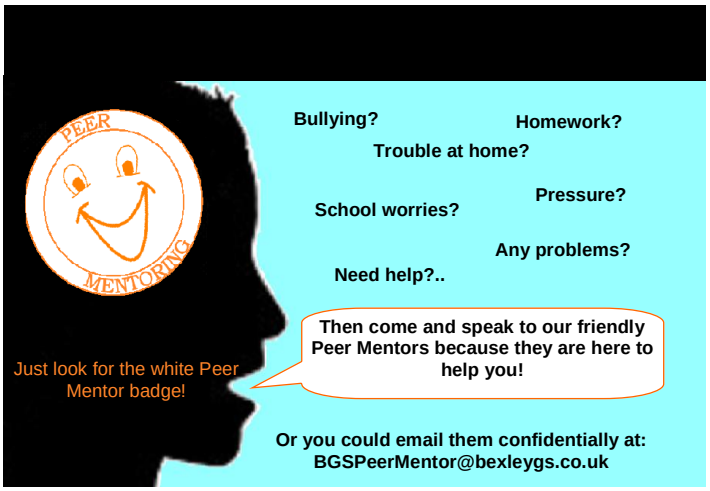
Congratulations to Ashita Chawla (7CMS), Boglarka Vamos, Emma Abbate, Caitlin Decierdo, Maria Adedeji, Chloe Larbi, Phoebe Crouch, Sarah Beaman, Eve Lynch, Lucy Clenahan (7FOM), Matthew Talbot, Joshua Masters, Bethany Rackstraw, Joanne Ryall, Isobel Robb, Emma Brownlow, Hong-Rui Zhang, Jack Salliss and Alfie Wheeler (7SMB) on achieving 50 merits.
Keep up the good work! *Mr Crawford*

Charity News

Just to let you know that after a last minute flurry of diligent students collecting all their sponsorship money in, the final amount raised for Children in Need amounted to a whopping **£2,232.60.**

Congratulations to all the students as this has been another successful charity event run by the school for a very deserving charity despite the financial hardships we are all feeling at the moment. Well done!

Next big events: Pink Valentine's Day on Monday 14th Feb which will be a non-uniform day, all money raised goes to Breast Cancer Research and Comic Relief Red Nose Day on Friday 16th March which is our last non-uniform day this year.



Bridge Evening

Last Thursday the PA ran our first BGS Bridge Evening. An enjoyable time was had by parents, staff and students with the partnership of Mr Morris and Mr Asker taking first prize.
Bridge Club runs on Thursdays, period 6 for Years 10 -13 in M19, all welcome.