



Key Stage 3 Musical Showcase

Tuesday 26th January

Come and hear music performed by Year 7 and 8 students including solos and small ensembles. The Junior Choir and Big Band will also feature in the concert and all proceeds will go towards the 2010 Music Tour to Germany. Tickets are £3 each and are available from the Finance Office. Miss Varty

Year 7

Congratulations to Lewis Preater (7LKS), Samuel Imaghodor, and Harmeet Soor (7MGL) who have reached 50 merits. Well done and keep up the excellent work!

Congratulations also to Matthew Ward (7APB) who is the second person to receive 100 merits and is working towards a distinction for this element of the diploma. Mrs Kemp

Year 10

Last Week, Year 10 French students enjoyed a visiting drama production of the French play, 'Jean-Paul'. The students were incredibly grateful for this opportunity, and would like to thank both the staff and the actors for this wonderful experience. Kate Putnam, Year 10

Sports News

The Year 8 Basketball team has come up trumps again with yet another win, this time over Erith School on Monday night. We were clearly the better side but did not lose focus and comfortably won 40 – 20. 'Man of the Match' goes to Michael Allen for his inspirational drives and points tally. The boys in this Year group have really worked hard at their Basketball and it is showing, having lost only one game in nearly two seasons! We still await our next match in the fourth round of the Kent Cup to be drawn, but whoever it is watch out! Mr Skinner

Notices

Year 10 Geography residential trip Parents' Meeting (Thursday 28th January) ~ Please can I remind parents of pupils attending the Year 10 Geography residential trip in March that the meeting to discuss the trip and explain the new coursework requirements is on Thursday 28th January at 6pm in the School Hall. It is important that you are there so that I can answer any questions you have about the trip and can explain the new format of the 25% coursework element of the GCSE.

I look forward to seeing you on the 28th Jan. Ms Rock

Easter Ski Trip ~ Can all those first time skiers please remember that the Dry Skiing lessons start Monday 25th January at Bromley Ski and Snowboard Centre, Sandy Lane, Orpington. Pupils must arrive at 6:40pm and be collected at

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 26th January ~ Year 11 Reports issued

Tuesday 26th January ~ KS3 Musical Showcase 7pm

Monday 8th February ~ Year 9 and Year 10 Reports issued

Monday 8th February ~ Year 10 Parents' Evening

9th-12th February ~ *Guys and Dolls*

8:30pm, dressed in warm, waterproof clothing, including gloves and ski socks! Parents are free to watch if they would like but facilities are limited for spectators. Parents can also use this time to discuss with me any questions or issues regarding the trip. Mr Boyle

Peer Mentors ~ The Peer Mentor service is a precious and invaluable resource that is held in high esteem within the school.

The recruitment process will soon take place for the new cohort of Peer Mentors. The current Year 13 Peer Mentors will be attending an assembly and visiting the Year 12 forms to promote the service and advise them on the recruitment process. Mrs Haslam

Road Safety ~ Can all students please take care when crossing Danson Lane **and** the entrance to the lower car park. There have been 2 near misses in the last week and it is difficult for drivers to stop quickly to avoid students who are walking out in front of them.

Academic Council

Recently the Academic Council has been working on developing a students' perspective of an outstanding lesson. Six of us attended a teachers' meeting in order to discuss with them our findings and explain to them how we felt their lesson could be both outstanding and meet the expectations of not only Ofsted, but us as students as well.

This week more members of the Academic Council are going to meet with the school's learning teams (comprising of a selection of teachers from all departments and responsibilities) to clarify the students' views of what makes outstanding lessons and how to work these into future lessons. However, the words 'outstanding lesson' are not just for teachers, we as students also need to make sure we are listening and participating in lessons to help Bexley Grammar live up to its title of a 'Leading Edge School'.

Quote of the week:

"We learn more by looking for the answer to a question and not finding it than we do from learning the answer itself."

Lloyd Alexander

Read here next week to find more student learning help and guidance from the Academic Council, for all years!