



Forthcoming Events

Friday 22nd May ~ Year 9 and Year 10 Reports issued

Monday 25th May ~ Half Term for 1 week

Monday 1st June ~ Return to School

Wednesday 4th June ~ Cabaret Concert 4.30 pm

Thursday 5th June ~ Cabaret Concert 6.30 pm

Saturday 13th June ~ Sports Day & Summer Fayre

Monday 15th June ~ School closed (except for exams)

Music tour to Venice in July

We are very excited to announce that we have had the venues for our concerts in Venice confirmed. We will be performing Mass in the Basilica dei Frari, a wonderful venue which is one of the most important churches in Venice. It is a better venue than St Mark's Basilica in many ways, as they will allow us to perform some other pieces after mass, whereas I know from colleagues that at St Mark's they are very business-like about getting groups in and out as quickly as possible. Even more excitingly, our formal concert in Venice will be in St Giorgio di Maggiore, a stunning domed church on an island directly opposite St Mark's Square. Since these venues are so prestigious, it is all the more important that students attend every rehearsal so that the concerts reflect our students' considerable talents.

Dr Medicott



Our New Website!

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new website - modern, fast and effective. Explore a little at www.bexleygs.co.uk. Students will find their email and 'my documents' links in the footer of each webpage - access will be exactly the same as before.

Enjoy!

Mr Elphick

ECM Day News

'Suits you' winners ~ As part of their ECM day in November, Year 9 students took part in the 'Suits You' challenge. This was a competition devised by the UK's only playing card manufacturer - Richard Edwards, whereby students had to design a new set of playing cards and devise a marketing strategy for them. The aim of the project was to encourage both design initiative but also marketing desires and expertise, linking enterprise and work-related learning.

Our congratulations go to - James Yardley, Scott Evans, Lauren Purchase and Emily Hoang, the BGS team who won the competition. On Monday the Marketing Manager of Richard Edwards, Louisa Moger came into school to give an assembly to Year 9, giving information about the challenge and presenting the winning team with their certificate.

The prize is fourfold:

- The winning team will work with the design department at Richard Edwards to produce the graphical work from their initial designs and see the cards through production, receiving the first 4 packs off the production line as a keepsake, a very exciting opportunity for anyone interested in working in design production or marketing.
- The whole of 9 MEH will have the opportunity to see round the Richard Edwards factory.
- The designs produced by James, Scott, Lauren and Emily will be exhibited permanently in the Guildhall Library in the City of London which is open to public display and is the place where all past and present playing card designs are

housed and displayed.

- The school will receive 50 packs of playing cards to sell once the cards are in production, with James, Scott, Emily and Lauren deciding on a marketing strategy, selling price and recipient for the profits.

Once the artwork is returned to the school it will be on display.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Lauren, Emily, Scott and James on this superb achievement, and I hope they enjoy their prize.

Ms Rock

On the next ECM Day, on 23rd June, the Y9s programme will revolve around "The Boy with the Striped Pyjamas"; Drama, History and English teachers will be delivering lessons based on aspects of the Holocaust. It would be really beneficial if pupils have read this wonderful book in the meantime. Perhaps parents and siblings could set up a family reading group?

Mr Morris

Year News

Year 10 ~ Last Tuesday and Wednesday, the PE department organised a day for some of the JSLA students to go on a trip to the David Beckham Academy. We taught primary school children and some secondary, refereed some matches and aided the coaches. It was an enjoyable day for us and we thank Mr Lines and Mr Rosenthal for organising the day and Mr Skinner for taking us.

Craig Tuffin and Frankie Thomas (10DSL)

Well done to Naomi Wass, Bethan Austin and Dylan Shaw who ran 5km raising £2000 for Peru! (10RHS)

Well done to the Year 10 students who participated in the recent Athletics tournament. It was a great effort by all.

Erin Bullions (10RHS)

Merits

Congratulations to Nasirdeen Yusoof, Danny Chapple (8CJA) and Colina Archie-Pearce (9SCB) who have achieved 50 merits. Their name will be added to the draw for an iPod.

Year 13 ~ I would like to say 'Good Luck' to all Year 13 A-level students about to sit their exams.

Also important dates:

Book Return ~ Wednesday 24th Period 6 & 7

BBQ ~ Wednesday 24th From 4.30

Sixth Form Ball ~ Thursday 25th June at Radisson Canary Wharf

Mrs Mallin

Reminder

Cabaret Night is the first week back after half term. It will be an excellent night of Drama and entertainment.

Key stage 3 and 4 pupils will present a night of devised drama, comedy sketches and extracts from published plays. On Wednesday 3rd June there is an early start at 4.30 pm. Chairs will be in rows and the show will be over by 7pm.

On the Thursday (4th June) there will be a 6.30 pm start and tables shall be set up and you encouraged to bring a picnic and drinks. There will also be prizes available on the night in a special competition.

Wednesday 3rd June 4.30 (seating in rows)

Thursday 4th June 6.30 (seating at tables, bring a picnic)

Tickets are £2.50, available from the Finance office.

Get your tickets soon to avoid disappointment.

Mr Otley

Summer Fayre

Hearing Dogs for the Deaf
COME AND JOIN US AT OUR SUMMER FAYRE...



The British Sign Language (BSL) group is holding its very own dog show! So bring your dog along to enter the fantastic competitions with special guest judges!

Other BSL stalls: Jewellery, quiz, finger-spelling plus Police dogs and puppies will be attendance.

Reminder: The ladies in the Attendance Office would be grateful for unwanted books for their second-hand book stall and the Office ladies would be grateful for any donations of different types of 'bottles' – filled obviously for their Bottle Tombola. All donations can be left at Reception. Thank you from us all.