



Forthcoming Events

Monday 25th – Friday 29th October ~ Half Term
Wednesday 10th November ~ Year 8 Parents' Evening

Open Mornings and Open Evening

These events took place on the 14th and 19th October and were very successful despite some poor weather. The school was vibrant and active and I would like to thank all the students who helped create this atmosphere. Lots of people commented on how warm and friendly the school seemed and that is very much down to the welcome given to them by our students. The Chamber Choir and the Big Band performed brilliantly and I was very pleased that students presented subject areas so well; there was a huge amount going on. It was also wonderful that so many students were willing to act as guides and they were routinely complimented by many families. Thank you.

May I take this opportunity to wish staff and students a well deserved rest this half term. I believe that we have made a great start to the new academic year and have achieved a tremendous amount in a short space of time. *Mr Welsh*

Sports News

On Thursday 14th October the Year 10 netball team played Townley Grammar in the first league game of the season. Despite us having an early advantage by winning the toss, Townley were stiff opposition, with great netball being played by both teams. However with them struggling to get the ball into the net and our shooters dominating the circle, we came out to be victorious, beating them 15-1. The win was down to wonderful teamwork displayed by the whole team.

Jodie Morton 10SRN

Big congratulations to the Year 10 netball team who are going from strength to strength with some fantastic netball and an impressive win against Townley Grammar. The girl of the match was Jodie Morton, for her remarkable defending skills in the game.

Well done girls!

Miss Leffen

Year News

Well done Year 10 ~ Last Friday, various members of Year 10 participated spectacularly in House Drama, where in particular congratulations go to Octavia Osborn for her 'practically perfect' role as Mary Poppins, Tino Mutasa as the vital role of Zeus, Helen Harewood as the amazing Little Red Riding Hood and Alex Oyekola for the magnificent character of Hades.

Also, well done to everyone else who took part in this brilliant house event; it was fantastic!

Louisa Wong and Katie Bennett 10AGF

Year 8 ~ Well done to everyone who participated in House Drama, it was a great success and the costumes were amazing, so thank you to the parents/carers who created them. Enjoy and relax in the half-term but remember to come back 1st November for a full day.

Christopher Mills, Syndu Jayatharan and Victoria Chivers 8LRB

Clubs

Culture club changed date ~ Our theatre visit to see 'The Glass Menagerie' at The Young Vic will now take place on Wednesday 1st December due to changes in the set design at the theatre (sounds intriguing!). We hope you'll join us to see this renowned Tennessee Williams classic. A real bargain at just £8.00.

Tickets are also available for Fela! at the National Theatre and Don Giovanni at the ENO, both on 23rd November. Visit the English office to pick up a letter and don't miss the chance to try out something new! *Ms Hanington & Ms Stoddard*

Russian Club will be running in J1 from Wednesday 3rd November each week, for GCSE and Sixth Form revision and booster lessons. These will begin at 3:05pm in J1 and finish by 4:30pm. In the sessions, students will be able to practise further their listening skills ready for their GCSE and AS exams, as well as revise lots of essential vocabulary, vital for higher marks in their reading and writing exams. *Mr Harris*

Year 7 and 8 Classics Club ~ After a successful first session of Classics Club the next session will be on Wednesday 3rd November after school. The Year 12 Classics Prefects will be running a session on mythical monsters and beasts so if you have ever wanted to learn about Medusa and how she could turn people into stone, come along to M1 for an interactive and fun learning session. *Miss Pearson*

School Council ~ Next Reps meeting is 3rd November at Academic Monitoring in H8. Thank you. *School Council*

Academic Council

This November, a group of intrepid (and possibly mad) students are hoping to take part in National Novel Writing Month, also known as NaNoWriMo. The aim is to write a 50,000 word novel in 30 days, no experience necessary! It will be a whole lot of fun – see Miriam Longman (you can contact me via my form tutor or Mrs Triggs in the School Office) and sign up at www.nanowrimo.org! (please note that Under 13s will need to sign up at www.ywp.nanowrimo.org). We're hoping to hold an event or two, so come along and join in!

Miriam Longman, 10TMO

PA News

Next PA Social Event – Race Night 26th November 2010

Our next social event is the PA inaugural Race Night on Friday 26th November 2010 – booking is now open (see Parentmail message distributed 14th October 2010 for details). If you do not have the forms and wish to take part, please call Denise Forde on 07941 218553.

Important development for Race Night! It has been agreed one of the Races will be a “House Event” with House Points up for grabs – so Collins, Prothero, Mabbs, Wellman, Kirkman and Johnson, make sure you are there to cheer on your “horse” – all six Heads of House will be representative jockeys along with Mr Welsh’s jockey and Miss Swadkin who is still to confirm her runner. The proceeds from this race (after paying out winning slips) will be shared equally between the Parents’ Association and the School Council’s nominated charity.

Deadline for sponsoring races, buying horses and jockeys is Friday 12th November 2010.

Deadline to purchase tickets to attend is Friday 19th November 2010.

First come, first served – there’s been a lot of interest in this event, so don’t delay!

PA Annual Fundraising Target Announced

Last year we raised in the region of £11,000 and donated approximately £9,500 to the school in the form of equipment and other contributions.

This year we want to increase that to at least £15,000 and preferably much more with a view to contributing towards improving Sixth Form Centre facilities and providing other equipment and donations.

For this we need your ongoing and continued help and support.

Have you bought Millennium Club tickets yet? It’s never too late as you can join at the beginning of every term. Email catherinejstock@hotmail.co.uk for details.

Are you able to help out at events? If you can, please contact Ann McGauran on 07710 099635 or via email: ann.mcgau@gmail.com.

Have you been to one of our events lately? You really should come, they’re great fun!

PA Quiz Night on Friday 8th October Money raised over £950!

Our recent quiz night was as always very popular and well attended with a full hall of 24 tables (including parents, BGS staff and students) – thank you all so much for your support.



The ever-present quiz master Stuart (a complete stalwart on the night shouting out questions and answers) started as always with his warm up of heads & tails followed by some very challenging quiz rounds in the first half.

After the interval everyone played the cash game of heads & tails and after a closely fought contest the winner received the £40 prize. This was closely followed by the raffle which included Bluewater vouchers, wine, chocolate goodies, other prizes and a lovely seasonal pumpkin!

The battle recommenced after the interval and the winners were Table 12 (the front-runners for most of the evening), beating last year’s winners into second place. Wine and boxes of chocolates were proudly received. The various BGS staff teams finished with respectable results. The losers gracefully accepted their big pile of lemons! ☺

Future PA Events

We are currently working on plans for a Pamper Evening, another Quiz Night, a Bollywood evening, our usual Christmas shop for students and various other schemes and initiatives.

A Golf Day and a Parent/Student Bridge Evening are also being discussed as possible events for Spring Term 2011 – if you would be interested in receiving more details on the Golf Day and/or Bridge Evening, please email Wendy at wendymilliams@hotmail.com.

Families with ideas of other fundraising events they would like to propose, organise or assist with, please come forward – feel free to call Wendy to discuss on 07894 454031 or send an email to Wendy at wendymilliams@hotmail.com.

Alternatively, come along to our next meeting at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 16th November 2010 in the Sixth Form Centre, Bexley Grammar School.

Millennium Club Winners – Bigger Prizes!

We have been able to increase the monthly prize money to:

1st Prize: £20, 2nd Prize: £15

The cash prizes for the Bumper draws at Christmas and Summer will be £50, £35 and £25.

The lucky winners for September and October are:

Sept 1st Prize - £20: Fiona Love (Year 8 Parent)

Sept 2nd Prize - £15: Maria Harris (Year 9 Parent)

Oct 1st Prize - £20: Sorrel Birch (Year 8 Parent)

Oct 2nd Prize - £15: Nicholas Tidmarsh (Year 7 Parent)

If you haven’t purchased your Millennium Club shares yet, please contact catherinejstock@hotmail.co.uk.

Join by Friday 14th January 2011 and be entered into all the draws to take place in 2011!

Remember, the more shares we sell, the higher the prize money!