



Bexley Grammar School Specialism Week

Between Monday 21st June and Thursday 24th June almost 200 students from Years 9, 10 and 12 completed overseas visits to France, Germany and Spain. Those students remaining in school were treated to a range of science and maths extension and enrichment activities.

Some highlights included: Year 7 students watching birds of prey fly over their heads in the gym and listening to Kjartan Poskitt, author of the Murderous Maths series; Year 8 students visiting the University of Kent's inflatable planetarium in the gym, completing Cambridge University's hands-on roadshow of maths challenges and launching chemical rockets and water rockets; Year 9 students working as crime scene investigators and collecting evidence from 'crime scenes' in the hall, and Year 10 students learning about some of Derren Brown's secrets during Cambridge University's Risk Roadshow.

Also during the week Year 7 and 9 students developed their sailing and kayaking skills on Danson Lake under the guidance of our PE staff, Year 10 PE leaders tested their ability to work as a team at Treejumpers and Year 10 Art students visited the National Gallery. Gifted and Talented Year 7 Art students worked under the direction of a professional artist, producing amazing work while Year 9 and Year 12 students visited a range of local universities.

Many thanks to the numerous staff involved in organising and running events.

Mrs Ellis



Year 7 students testing their swan sculptures on Danson Lake

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 1st July ~ House Showcase event
Friday 9th July ~ Year 7 Diploma Celebration Evening
Monday 19th July ~ Speech Day – Early closure
Monday 19th July ~ Year 8 & Year 12 Reports issued
Thursday 22nd July ~ Year 7 Reports issued
Thursday 22nd July ~ Last Day of Term – Early closure



As part of Science and Maths week, we ran a Gifted and Talented workshop in ADT with Year 7. Our focus was on using sustainable and recycled materials. Pupils were able to explore sculpting with unfamiliar media whilst considering the practicalities of actually making their sculptures float on Danson Park lake. Fortunately our calculations were reasonably accurate and all swans were successfully launched.

It was a real pleasure working with Bill Hudson, professional sculptor and designer, who led the workshop. All the pupils involved worked incredibly hard to achieve a finished product in a morning. Their creativity and problem solving skills were well tested and found to be exceptional.

All in all it was a very successful and enjoyable day.

Miss Peach

Student Safety

Please do not drop students off in front of the school in the morning and please do not use our car parks for the same.

This creates considerable danger which can easily be avoided by dropping students off around the corner or beyond the width restrictions.

Thank you

Young enterprise exam success

Congratulations to the 19 students from Years 11 and 12 who sat the Young Enterprise exam this year. All students passed the exam, with 5 gaining distinctions for their work. Well done!
Miss Taylor

Year 11

The Year 11 boat party will be taking place on Monday 28th June 2010. The boat will be departing from Greenwich Pier at 7.30 p.m. therefore students attending will need to arrive to be **registered** between **7.00-7.15 p.m.** The boat should disembark at 11.30 p.m. and students will need to be collected or written permission given for them to travel back alone.
Miss Ampong

IB - Creativity, Action and Service (CAS)

*Oxfam's Youth Board
Overcoming poverty. Fighting for a fairer world.*

Congratulations to Comfort Ahanmisi, who has been selected as one of just thirteen young people across the UK to join Oxfam's Youth Board.

Building a vibrant, passionate movement for positive change needs energy and creativity. It needs to be inclusive, inspiring and move with the times – it needs young people! Enter Comfort, who will be advising on youth engagement. She, along with the other twelve board members, will be attending three residential meetings per year, carrying out work between meetings, giving feedback to Oxfam and championing their own project. Well done Comfort!
Mrs Leffen

A number of our IB students have been successful in gaining volunteer work with Bexley Library Services this summer. They will be helping to deliver the Summer Reading Challenge, a national promotion of reading for children and young people organised by the Reading Agency. Run by public libraries it involves nearly 700,000 children and encourages them to read more books during the summer break. Over 6,000 children joined the scheme in Bexley last year and many more are expected this year. Are you thinking of taking on the challenge? If so look out for Amina, Beth, Nadine, Darren, Antony, Tim, Donatien and Adam, who may be volunteering at your local library.
Mrs Leffen

Year 7

On Wednesday 16th June our Year 7 girls' rounders team played a thrilling and exciting match against Blackfen School for Girls. Both teams played brilliantly but Bexley Grammar gained the upper hand with the aid of great fielding, excellent batting and nice co-operation from us girls. Using these talents we won with a total score of 10-65. The match was played with a lively atmosphere from both sides; everyone enjoyed their time playing and we were willing to take part to make Bexley Grammar proud.

Holly White 7LRB

Merits

Congratulations go to Synduja Jayatharan 7LRB for reaching 100 merits. Well done on this fantastic effort. Mrs Kemp

Well done to Dan Thomas, Kane Fernandes, Parmis Salem and Olivia Smith 8MPL on reaching 50 merits.

Mr Johnson

Thank you

The ADT department would like to say a big thank you to a member of our local community. Mrs Charlcrafft of Bexleyheath has generously donated several very useful pieces of spinning and embroidery equipment to our department. These will enable us to teach some more traditional textiles techniques to our lower school pupils, and have the potential to greatly enrich the work of those studying GCSE and A level Art and Textiles. We very much look forward to using them.
Miss Peach

Summer Fayre Update

The Fayre raised £3665.36 for the BGS Parents' Association – congratulations to everyone!
In addition, hundreds of pounds were raised for the World Challenge.

Stall prizes were awarded as follows:

Presentation – World Food Stall - 8MJR - Prothero
Creativity – Wacky Races - 9TMO - Wellman
Profit – World Food Stall - 8MJR – Prothero!

The overall winning house, Prothero, raised £591.39 – Congratulations!

In the non-Tutor Group category, the Bide-a-while Tea Shoppe ran away with £383.41 and another £149 on their picnic hamper raffle (won by Ann Rigg.) Mr Crowley's BBQ also raised nearly £500 for two World Challenge groups.

Once again – thank you all for your generous support.