



## Peer Mentors

Congratulations go to the Year 13 Peer Mentors who have achieved The Diana Certificate of Excellence Award.

The Diana Award is highly prestigious and is backed by the Memorial Committee that was founded to ensure that the memory of Diana, Princess of Wales is commemorated in a way that is of lasting benefit to our society. It recognises young people who have made an outstanding, sustained and selfless contribution to their communities, and demonstrated the qualities associated with Diana Princess of Wales - compassion and a commitment to improving the lives of others. The Peer Mentors have done some fantastic work this year which was greatly appreciated and they are still continuing to make a positive difference to so many members of the school community.

The Peer Mentors are: Ben Abbott, Serena Barrett, Jack Bates, Priya Bhogal, Asif Chowdhury, Georgina Clark, Oyin Ebikeme, Hari Faulkner, Claire Gogarty, Tom Grant, Candy Ikwuwunna, Stephanie Lau, Hayley Lewis, Donatien Mutarambirwa, Helen Paige, Michael Prosser, Lawrence Ram, Dan Rodrigues, Alex Smith and Emma Supple.

Well done!

*Mrs Prescott*

## Year 12 Peer Mentors

The recruitment process for next year's cohort of Peer Mentors is now complete and congratulations go to the 20 Year 12 students who were successful in achieving one of 20 places. The process was rigorous. Initially, interested students were asked to write a letter of application. This was followed by an interview with the current Peer Mentors. There were 59 applicants and the final selection was extremely difficult as there were so many strong contenders. The new Peer Mentors are: Alex Foulds, Alex Mann, Alix Porter, Andrew Fernandes, Anna Roach, Charlie Elves, Guy Grain, Harriet Wollaston, Harry Tennant, Jessica Debenham, Joanne Greasby, Joseph Thompson-Oubari, Kathryn Clark, Kirstie McLaren, Lenil Mfuri, Reece Le Conte, Sean Crowley, Tanyel Kazim, Zoe Mills, Rebecca Sanders.

Training takes place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at The Barnehurst Golf Course with Mrs Haslam, Mr Lines and Mrs Prescott and we look forward to working with you over the next year.

*Mrs Prescott*

## Forthcoming Events

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March ~ Year exams begin  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March ~ Year 8 & 12 Reports issued  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April ~ Year 9 exams in class all week  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April ~ PA Pamper Night  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April - Last day of term

## Kent Schools' Football Association under 17 Cup Final

### Kemnal v Bexley GS

The final is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, kick-off at 5.30 pm  
Venue: Green Court Sports Club, Crockenhill  
Cost: Adults - £4, Students - £2

The team would welcome support from pupils, parents and staff.

Tickets are on sale from the Finance Office and will not be on sale on the night.

See Mr Rosenthal for more details.

## Applying for student finance

During ECM day Year 13 students were given information on applying for student loans and grants. Those students who were involved in science practical exams on ECM day can collect 'Finance and budget' information booklets from the Careers Office.

Further information to support students and parents with the application process is available in the Careers Room on Fronter (under Year 13), and the deadline for applying for student finance is 31<sup>st</sup> May.

*Mrs Longman*

## Information evening for Year 11 and 12 students and their parents:

A reminder about the information evening on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March for students who are thinking about applying for some courses for which extra preparation is helpful: Oxbridge, medicine (including dentistry, nursing and

related subjects), law, English (including journalism, linguistics and related subjects), history & politics, science, economics and business, science, geography, languages and sport science & physiotherapy in particular.

The evening will begin at 6pm (and end shortly after 7pm), and parents and students will have the opportunity to discuss with teachers and students who have been through the process what sort of preparation and extra experience is helpful. Please collect a letter from Ms Stoddard if you are interested.

*Mrs Stoddard*

## Cookery Club News

The Let's Get Cooking Club continues to feature after school on Wednesday afternoons. There are 6 places available on the next course. It will feature recipes from around the world, including dishes such as Balti, Special fried noodles, Scones and a tasty Vegetable crumble. The course will run from 3:15-5:00pm Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April to 25<sup>th</sup> May.

The club primarily caters for Year 7 students but you may also apply to join in if you are in Year 8 or 9 and have not joined the club before. If you would like to be considered for one of these places, please see **Mrs Coldicott** by **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** for further details.

## Year 9s Football match

### St. Dunstan's 1 - 5 Bexley Grammar School

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2011, BGS travelled to Catford for a match against St. Dunstan's School. Although it was a friendly match, both teams treated it like a final with great football shown (particularly from BGS). The team was: Christopher Goodchild, Tom Birch, Bailey Whittington, Nife Ojo, Shokirie Clarke, Nikica Kolundzic, Sam Smith, George Acheson, Marco Faratro, George Ray, Ryan Clarke and George Luck. The first half showed great football from BGS with early opportunities going astray. Although we had at least 80% possession throughout the whole 1st half it ended 1 - 0 to St. Dunstan's.

In the break, we all thought it was going to be one of those days; all the possession but no goals. The break ended and both teams commenced play again. Straight from kick off BGS started strong. With a good shot from Marco parried from the keeper, George Ray anticipated the mistake and was there to secure the leveller. This gave the whole team confidence and a winning mentality. With a fantastic goal from Sam Smith assisted by Marco and a superb hat-trick from George Luck, the game was well and truly won.

The man of the match had to be George Luck after his three great goals, in particular his spin and left foot volley into the top corner.

It was a great result from a great team.

*Marco Faratro, 9JMP*



## Team Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Tony Chambers, Martina Arandjelovic, Jason Ly and Isobel Richardson for their outstanding 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at the Regional Finals of the UK Team Maths Challenge. They were against some very good schools with 28 schools competing altogether. Well done. *Miss Scott*

## Red Nose Day

Grateful thanks to everyone who supported Red Nose Day last Friday. We hope to have raised a considerable amount again this year (details to be announced in a later newsletter).

The following students helped by selling cakes made by Sixth Form Enrichment groups, at break time:

Stephanie Rooney, Rosie Thackeray, Sarah Fathers and Matt Ward, also Tom Barton made and sold some delicious shortbread biscuits.

Joshua Goode, Bethany Stock, Shauna Hilton and Katrina Collison organised 2 lunch time talent shows in the hall and many more students did sponsored events.

Many thanks to all involved.

*Mrs Wieck*

## Culture club – coming soon!

We are in the process of planning a trip to see Much Ado About Nothing at The Globe Theatre during the summer term. If you are interested in joining us, please let Ms Hanington or Ms Stoddard know so that we can gauge interest.

*Ms Hanington*



## Year 11

As part of the ECM Day Year 11 Form Tutors were asked to select students who they felt had contributed in a positive way to their form or who had made a general improvement in their grades/approach to study throughout the year.

The selected students were taken to Tree Jumpers, a high ropes activity centre, to take part in some leadership activities that focussed a lot on their team work and communication skills. Certainly the most challenging activity was the much talked about 'leap of faith' where the students were required to climb a tall telephone pole and once at the top leap off and grab hold of a trapeze!

The day was very enjoyable and my thanks go to the fantastic group of students I took with me and the staff who accompanied me on the trip (Miss May, Miss Peters, Mr Allison and Mr Miles).

*Mr Pullen (Director of Studies Year 11)*



## PA Quiz Night:

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

The PA would like to thank all those who turned out to support a very successful sell-out quiz night. Profit raised on the night itself was well over £1,000, with the final amount expected to be significantly higher due to Matched Funding. Look out for the final total raised in a longer quiz night write up in the PAper 4 to be circulated early next Term.

Teachers will we are sure be very pleased to hear a member of staff (Mr Bains) and his table finished in first place. Orla Wilkinson of 8LRB came up with a great winning question and answer in the student competition linked to quiz night. Her prize was two tickets to Cineworld in Bexleyheath. Josh Goode of 8PEB won the fundraising game of heads and tails, walking off with £45. We were delighted also to see the Sixth Form represented by a table of students. Many thanks also to those who helped with the event, including the student "runners" and the Premises Team.

## Merits

Well done to Cobby Jackson, Oliver Stenning, Emeka Newman, Megan Barclay, David Ferreira, Connor Townsend, Yusuf Jamil, 7FOM and Caitlin Mann 7KLB on reaching 50 merits.

Congratulations also to Ella Tournes, Pranita Raveendran, Katie Harris 7KLB, Phoebe Crouch, Chloe Grewal 7FOM and Zoe Greenwood 7CMS on achieving 100 merits.

Keep up the good work.

*Mr Crawford*

Congratulations go to Ben Jones 8TM, Connor Robson 8PEB, Elizabeth Azubuike, Lucy Battersby, Helia Canaj, Jake Carmen, Tony Chambers, Maisie Lau, Harry McDonagh, Lewis Murrell and Peter Smith 8KAS for successfully reaching 50 merits this term. Well done and keep up the good work!

*Mrs Kemp*

Well done to Caitlin Moore 9JR on reaching 50 merits.

*Mr Johnson*