



Civic Celebration of Achievement

Bexley Council recently hosted a very impressive event at the Civic Offices celebrating the success of students during the past year. Three of Bexley Grammar School's students, Peggy Luong, Samantha Johnson and Fern Woodhouse were presented with awards by the Mayor in front of their families, civic dignitaries and teaching staff.

Fern Woodhouse received her award for outstanding academic achievement after gaining twelve A* grades in her GCSE examinations in the summer and being a delightful student to teach. She has given herself a wonderful starting point to commence her KS5 studies.

Samantha Johnson received her award for commitment to the school community after being involved in a wide range of activities and events. She was an outstanding House Prefect, a Science Prefect and Senior Prefect. She regularly worked with students in younger years inspiring them to participate and enjoy school. Apart from this she achieved brilliant success in her A levels gaining four A* grades and securing her place at Cambridge University.

Peggy Luong received her award for academic excellence after gaining full marks on the IB course. In the previous year only 87 students in the world gained this result so this is a truly outstanding performance. Peggy comes from an EAL background and her family have limited experience of the education system yet despite this she left our school with 12 A* grades at GCSE and full marks on the IB course! Peggy frequently worked in school and in the public library in order to gain access to ICT equipment and is a wonderfully self motivated student. She is now studying Medicine with Research at Imperial College.

Mr Welsh



Forthcoming Events

Monday 29th November ~ Inset Day

Wednesday 1st December ~ A Midsummer Night's Dream & A Christmas Carol

Thursday 2nd December ~ A Midsummer Night's Dream & A Christmas Carol

Friday 3rd December ~ Deadline for Sixth Form applications

Thursday 9th December ~ Christmas Concert

Friday 17th December ~ Last Day of Term

Year 10

The Year 10 Enterprise Challenge team of Drew Bristow, Charis Muir, Reece Robinson, Joe Arnold and Olu Omole became one of 10 finalists (from 200 entries) who took part in an enterprise challenge at Wembley Stadium. They worked hard to deliver an excellent product, design, marketing strategy and presentation and were very good ambassadors for the school. The students enjoyed a tour of Wembley stadium, including the changing rooms, England 'dug out' and Royal Box. Congratulations on getting through to the final. Below is an account of the day from Drew, the groups' CEO. *Ms Rock*

'On Friday, a group of Year 10 students travelled up to the world famous Wembley Stadium to take part in a Coca Cola enterprise day. After a tour of the venue, we sat down and started work on our business. We had to create a brand new soft drink then present it to the judges and the other teams. We were also treated to a visit from a very successful and previous Dragons Den entrepreneur Levi Roots who was the creator of the Reggae Reggae sauce. He was also on the judging panel which made it even better. Unfortunately we didn't win, however we did gain some new knowledge on business and most of all we did have a good time (although, it would have been nice to win an iPod nano, theatre tickets and time in London)'. *Drew Bristow*

Year 13 ~ Physics Olympiad

Congratulations to the following pupils for taking part in the first round of the British Physics Olympiad: David Dobrzynski, Ben Houselander, Dean Williams, Sang Lam, Hugo Humphreys, Priya Bhogal, Gurmangal Dhillon and Harshvardhan Jog for their participation in this prestigious competition.

Good luck to Dean and David who progressed onto the second round of the competition. *Miss Skinner*

Sixth Form

Last week saw the Regional Final of the Senior Team Maths Challenge. Our team comprising of Farhang Fazeli (Year 13), Jake Heron, Chris Parkinson and Sean Crowley (Year 12) came 8th out of 15 schools from the Kent and Southeast London area.

Congratulations on reaching the final.

Miss Scott

Year 8

Last Friday was Children in Need. The money raised from this will help vulnerable children all over the UK. It was great to see so many people wearing their own clothes on Friday in support of this charity. We would also like to thank the teachers for getting into the spirit of the day.

Congratulations to 8MGL for winning the weekly form competition for the first time this term. This was achieved by two students raising over £8,000 for their church. Well done!

Alex Bronsdon and Issy Richardson 8HLE

Merits

Congratulations go to Taran Birdee 8TM for successfully reaching 50 merits this term. Well done and keep up the good work!

Mrs Kemp

Clubs

We enjoyed a Culture Club double bill this Tuesday: one group went to the National Theatre to see *Fela* – an acrobatic, entertaining, educational African extravaganza – while the other went to the London Coliseum to hear Mozart's great opera, *Don Giovanni* in a dramatic modern production. There are still tickets left for Tennessee Williams' autobiographical play, *The Glass Menagerie*, at the Old Vic on Wednesday 1st December – so hurry to the English Department for a letter.

Ms Hanington & Ms Stoddard

Calling all Year 7 Extreme Readers! After you voted Mr Bains the winner of the teachers' extreme reading competition, the English department invites you to outdo the teachers and their strange reading locations by entering our Year 7 extreme reading competition!

All you need to do is take a photo of yourself reading in an exciting location – some possibilities are a dry ski slope, in a field, at the park – the stranger the better!

Please email your entries to woodcock_c@bexleys.co.uk by the 13th December to enter the competition.

Children in Need

On Friday 19th November we took part in this year's Children In Need at BGS. All the students participated in a range of activities and supported various events. These included: karaoke, a cake and biscuit sale, a raffle (thank you to parents who donated prizes) and putting coins on Pudsey. Many students got sponsored to do some interesting and odd things. The lower school karaoke opened with Mr Omomowo singing Michael Jackson's 'Heal the World'. We all found this very entertaining! Well done to Skye Terblanche (7CMS) who sang Take That's 'The Flood' after the sound system stopped working! Well done also to Harry Hawkins-Brown (Year 8) for doing a last minute performance.

In upper school lunch we had an out of the ordinary performance from 'The Fridays' who sang



High School Musical's 'Breaking Free'. Mrs Coleman again wowed us with her singing (does Simon Cowell know?). Closing the show we had Robert Johnson's Band (Year 12s) who sang two songs, one dedicated to one of their friends.

Individual thanks go to Tom Barton who made a delicious chocolate cake and organised a 'guess the weight competition', Tom Jones who 'busked' in the canteen, members of 7MTR who

helped to cover Pudsey with coins, Miss Peach and her 6th form cooks who made Pudsey biscuits and Denise Green (Midday supervisor) who raised £30 by selling her cakes in the School Office.

Thank you to Mrs Wieck, Summer Reynolds (Year 12), Luke Walker (Year 11), Shauna Hilton (Year 10), Allan Carmen (Year 10), Katrina Collison (Year 9), Deborah Adom (Year 9) and Bethany Stock (Year 9) for helping to make this such a great day.

Bethany Stock, Chair School Council

