



Year 8 Speaking and Listening Competition

The fantastic Year 8 Speaking and Listening Competition is running for the second year and excitement builds as the final draws near! All Year 8 students have presented for 3 minutes on a subject that they feel passionate about in their English lessons and the top 3 public speakers from each class were selected to compete in the semi-final. Congratulations to the following students who made it to the semi-final stage:

Josh Hall, Joanne Ryall, Alfie Wheeler, Malcolm Tidmarsh, Robert Grogan, Sheryce Brown, Ronak Patel, Cameron Dale, Holly Morris, George Fuller, Jusleen Gill, Lewis Watson, Emeka Newman, Navneet Gautam, Chloe Grewal, Oliver Davis, Ella Tournes, Menaka Santhakumar.

All students spoke confidently and articulately, with many thought provoking points, well done to all. The following 9 students were then chosen to compete in the final, which will include Mr Welsh as one of the judges,

Josh Hall, Alfie Wheeler, Robert Grogan, Sheryce Brown, Menaka Santhakumar, Emeka Newman, George Fuller, Chloe Grewal, Ella Tournes.

Good luck to the finalists as they present to their entire year group on **Monday 30th January!** *Mrs Howard*

Award

Congratulations to Sasha-Lee Williams, 8DLW, who is receiving an award for 'Positive Contribution to School'. Sasha was given the award whilst representing the school in Barcelona (Espanyol) at Football. The awards ceremony will take place at the Hackney Empire on 7th February.

Well done Sasha. *Mrs Haslam*



Forthcoming Events

Monday 6th February ~ Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening
Thursday 9th February ~ PA Wine Tasting Evening
Monday 13th – Friday 17th February ~ Half Term

Notices

Classics Department trip to Greece 10th-15th February

Just a reminder to all students going on the trip over half term that there is a meeting for you and your parents on the 2nd February at 6pm in the Sixth Form Centre. If you have not yet returned your attendance slip to the Finance Office then please do so. *Miss Pearson*

Parents' Association Date for the diary - Race Night on 9th March 2012. Look out for details later this month.

Please see flyer attached to this newsletter re: Golf Day on Friday 2nd March.

Merits

Congratulations to the following students on reaching 50 merits this term; Chloe Dominy, Katherine Beeching, Joe Goodrich, Sapphira McBride, Eva Williams, Alex Tyler, Molly Lucas, Heather Goodchild, Lyndon Huynh, Oscar Ayliffe, Ellie Barnes, Bianca Bastos-Figueiredo, Alex Coates (CJW), Manjot Birdi, Leah Cann (7SMA), Irgena Dibra, Olivia Brent, Oliver Offen, Jack Dalton, Isobel Kaul, Teddy French (7RAH), Morgan Taylor, Kristina Goh, Sophie King (7EFM), Naomi O'Toole-Mackridge, Chelsey Goodrich, Jack Hawksley, Jas Jheeta and Harrison Try (LJP).

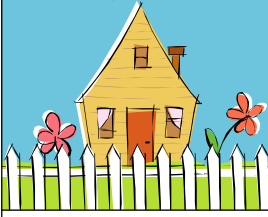
The following have received 100 merits; Duncan Geddis, Anthony Ngan (7SMA), Mona Lisa Fynn, Nadia Boatswain, Georgina Leeson and Carys Tennant (7CJW).

A special mention to Jenetha Raveendran (7EFM), who has achieved an amazing 150 merits.

All fantastic achievements.

Well done to everyone.

Mr Pullen



PEER MENTORS

What do we do?

Peer Mentors offer a support system within the school for every pupil.

We are here for you to come and talk to us whether you are in year 7 settling in, in Year 9 choosing your GCSE options or at GCSE level deciding between A-levels or IB.

We are not only here to talk to about academic things, we also provide the opportunity for students just to sit down and discuss any sort of problem with someone who is willing to listen. No problem is too small and anything you tell us is confidential, we are simply here to help.



Where can you find us?

You can find our notice board by the library stairs in the Heath building. It has our names and photos so you can recognise us, we also wear white badges with a smiley face to make it easier to spot us.

We also run drop in sessions:

Tuesday Upper School Lunch 1.45 – 2.15

Thursday Break time 10.35 – 10.55

These take place in S4, near the PE department and are an opportunity for you to ask any questions, discuss issues or arrange meetings.

How can you contact us?

Our e-mail address is:
AA BGS Peer Mentor

You can also speak to your Form Tutors, Subject Teachers or your DoS who will be able to arrange a meeting with us.



BGSPA Golf Day: Friday 2nd March 2012, West Malling Golf Club

- **Date:** Friday 2nd March 2012
- **Venue:** West Malling Golf Club: <http://www.westmallinggolf.com>
- **Start Time:** Breakfast: 8.15 am, first tee off: 9.00 am
- **Cost:** £35.00 per Golf Fanatic
- **What's Included:**
 - 18 Holes of Golf at West Malling Golf Club, West Malling
 - Grub: Coffee & Bacon Rolls pre tee-off and Two Course Meal for Lunch
 - Trophies for 1st Place, Runner-Up, Nearest the Pin, Longest Drive and of course, the Hacker

How to Book: Please send envelope marked **PA Golf Day** to Finance Office, Bexley Grammar School by **Friday 17th February 2012** with cheque payable to "Bexley Grammar School Parents' Association" and completed details below. Cost is £35 per Golfer . You must include with payment:

Your Name: _____

Child's Form and Child's Name: _____

Your Email Address: _____

Your Contact Phone Number: _____

Handicap* (needed for all players): _____

**(unofficial, no certificate required)*

Only 36 places available - early booking recommended! Payment required to secure place. First come, first served. Any questions or special dietary requirements: email andybcfc1970@hotmail.co.uk or call Andy on 07890 214282.

