



Forthcoming Events

**Year 9 internal exams ~ Monday 30th March -
Friday 3rd April**

Last day of Term ~ Friday 3rd April

1st day of Summer Term ~ Monday 20th April

**Year 10 internal exams ~ Monday 20th April -
Friday 1st May**

Spring Concert ~ The Spring Concert was held last Wednesday in the Hall. All of BGS' musical ensembles performed to a high standard, featuring an enormous variety of styles and moods. As an experiment, Choir and Chamber Choir performed some of their music in the Sports Hall to take advantage of the resonant acoustics, and everyone agreed it gave the music a wonderful sense of atmosphere. Other highlights included a moving and expressive performance of Shostakovich's 2nd Piano Concerto, with Chris Hughes in Year 13 playing the solo piano backed by Chamber Orchestra; a memorable and comic rendition of the Tuba Tiger Rag by Simon Arnott with backing from the Concert Band; and a spectacular close to the concert provided by the BGS Show Band, who played the overture to this summer's Musical Production – 'Crazy for You'. Congratulations to everyone involved.
Dr Medicott

Congratulations to the Year 12 Football Team for an outstanding performance to beat Erith School 2-1 in the semi-final of the North Kent Cup. The team entered the second half 1-0 down to a very strong side. With a much more motivated and energetic approach the team levelled the score with a well worked free kick from Tom Tanner which captain George Mitchell headed home. Five minutes later the crowd saw exactly the same happen again, with the captain calmly putting the ball in the back of the net as if he does it every day. Final score 2-1 to Bexley Grammar. That is now two finals that the boys have worked hard to reach. Well done boys and good luck. (Man of the Match: George Mitchell).

Pupils, parents and staff are invited to support the team in the Kent Cup Final at Erith Sports Stadium on Friday 27th March (KO 18.30).
Mr Pullen

Congratulations go also to the Year 7 rugby team who came 3rd in the Kent Developing Schools Rugby Finals at Medway RFC on Monday. Playing in some truly horrendous conditions the boys played some excellent rugby, being beaten by sheer size rather than playing ability. This was recognised during the presentation ceremony when Bexley Grammar were given the award of best rugby being played and the fair play award. Freddy Evans was player of the tournament for BGS after controlling the ball in the backs with real flair and determination. The boys are also through to the Bromley and

Bexley Emerging Schools final which is being held next Tuesday 31st March at Bromley RFC. I wish them luck and hopefully we can take some silverware away from that tournament.
Mr Boyle

On Tuesday 24th March, four students from Year 7 took part in the regional heats of 'The Times' spelling bee. The team, known as the 'BGS Bees', were Harry O'Donohue, Sarah Lasoye, Jack Hawes and Mary Odonkor. After spending most of the heat in 1st place, they were beaten at the final hurdle, finishing a very pleasing 2nd place out of 8 schools. Unfortunately, only the 1st team is taken through to the nationals but the students had a great day and really were a credit to the school. Well done!
Mr Baker

The Globe players came into school on Tuesday 24th March, to perform an introduction to Shakespeare to all Year 7 students. The actors really brought Shakespeare to life for the students and afterwards they commented on how impressed they were with the behaviour of the students. Could I ask that if you have not already brought in the £1.50 contribution towards this production and are able to do so, could you please hand it in to the finance office.
Mr Baker

On Tuesday 24th March, Naomi Wass (10RHS) took part in the Jack Petchey's 'Speak Out' Challenge at Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School. With an outstanding speech on "Teenage pregnancy", Naomi went on to win the Bexley Borough Final and will now be put forward to represent Bexley Grammar at the London final. Well done Naomi!
Miss Ampong (Year 10 SAM)

Merits ~ Well done to the following students who have achieved 50 merits: Jade Bracken, Marco Faratro, Louise Fathers, Thomas Hoang, Jessica Millson, Hazel Oladeji, Nife Olusola-Oji, Katrina Collison all from 7JMR and Sophie Houlihan 8CAS. Also congratulations to Cameron Currie, 7PKS who has reached 100 merits. All names will be entered into the draw for an iPod.

Year 10

Congratulations to the boys' football team, who have made it to the North Kent Cup final after beating Erith in the Semi Final.

Recently, the Year 10 GCSE Geography students went to Kingswood, Norfolk. It was a thoroughly enjoyable trip and everyone had a great time. We did a lot of work, which will contribute to our coursework including the rivers, the city and the coast. Whilst at the centre, we engaged in various activities such as climbing and abseiling, which was fun. On the last night we had karaoke, which some anonymous teachers (Mr Miles and Mr Shaw) probably regretted. But overall we thank all the teachers, especially Ms Rock, who organised it, for a lovely time.

Erin Bullions (10RHS) and Ghislaine Mgbokwere (10 RJS)

Year 11

48 Year 11 pupils took part in an activity day at 'Tree Jumpers' on Friday 20th March. The whole day was excellent with fantastic participation and effort; the highlight being the challenge to reach the top of 'Jacob's ladder'. They were an absolute credit to the school and the year group. Please can I take this opportunity to thank pupils for an outstanding action packed day. Well done and thank you to Mr Boyle, Mr Brewer and Miss Lynch for their entertainment throughout the whole day!

Mrs Kemp

Last week a group of Year 11s went to an adventure park as a reward for good effort. It was a great day, the weather was fine and the activities were good. Some of the teachers however found the activities challenging to say the least, Mr Brewer was unfortunately one of these, he didn't make it to the first step on 'Jacob's ladder'!

Paul Birchmore and Jessica Oladeji, 11JML Prefects

Examinations ~ Year 10

If your child is in the French group 10x/Fr1 they will not need to take the Year 10 exams in French. These students have already sat 'mock' examinations with the Year 11s last December and they will be sitting their GCSE French in June 2009.

The same applies for the German group 10y/Gm1 which will not be taking the Year 10 exams in German for the same reason.

The Year 10 exam timetable has been updated. A copy can be found on the website. Click on the 'Parents' button and then 'Mock Timetables' for the information.

Mrs Gianakakis

Many thanks to all those students who have brought in the "Books for Schools" tokens from The Times/Sunday Times. Please keep collecting over the holidays and bring them in at the start of the new term. Sorry but we are not collecting the Nestles "Box Tops for Books"; any that have been sent in, I will pass to another local school.

Mrs McAllister

Attendance Matters

Children only get one chance at school and your child's chances of a successful future may be affected by not attending school regularly.

Being on time is also vital. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child, the teacher and the other pupils in the class.

Please remember to follow school procedure by:

- Contacting the attendance office on the first day of absence.
- Providing a note to cover all absences
- Medical appointments should be kept to a minimum (students should not need the whole day off for an appointment)
- Holidays should not be taken during the school term
- Students arriving after the registers close: 9.00am should have a note from a parent.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Jeffery in the attendance office if you would like further advice.

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This week at Christian Union, instead of our normally scheduled social, we shall be looking at the story of Jesus feeding the 5000 in John Chapter 6, which will allow those of us fasting chocolate, crisps and snacks for lent to enjoy some well earned sweets and treats in the first meeting after the Easter holiday. As always, we meet in L4 on Thursdays each week from 3:15pm until 4:00pm and everyone is more than welcome to join us.

Mr Harris

Easter Skiing 2009 to Les Arcs ~ Can I remind all pupils attending the ski trip that they need to have brought in their passport and EHIC medical card to the finance office. Also any pocket money can be handed in to the finance office clearly labelled. There is also an important letter outlining the final itinerary that needs to be collected from the PE office by all those going on the trip.

Mr Boyle

