



Kirkman House News

Kirkman House had a visit from their founder last week; Miss Kirkman (now Mrs Meason) was one of the original members of staff when the school opened in 1955. She was welcomed by the Captains and students in the House at assembly and was delighted to hear that Kirkman is doing better these days than when the House Competition started back in the '50s! When asked what qualities she would like 'her' House to have she said she hoped for a spirit of fair play and sportsmanship as well as a community feeling. She very much enjoyed her visit and we enjoyed having her and hearing her stories.

Miss Fisher, Head of Kirkman House



Merits

Congratulations go to Will Thorpe 8LRB for reaching 50 merits and successfully working towards the certificate of achievement this year. Well done and keep up the good work!

Mrs Kemp

The following students have achieved 50 merits: Farhan Tariq, Sujan Sriram (7FOM), Matthew Harris, Amy Lee (7KLB) and Stella Gowans (7SMB). Congratulations to all of them.

Mr Crawford

Forthcoming Events

Monday 31st January ~ Year 11 Reports issued
Monday 7th February ~ Years 9 & 10 Reports issued
Monday 7th February ~ Year 9 Options and Parents' Evening
Friday 11th February ~ Year 13 Reports issued
Tuesday 15th February ~ Year 10 Parents' Evening
Monday 21st – Friday 25th February ~ Half Term

Sixth Form

On Thursday 20th a group of Bexley Grammar Sixth Form students headed to the London School of Economics Old Theatre to hear a spectacular and insightful lecture by Dr Dambisa Moyo. The Harvard and Oxford graduate has recently released a book: "How the West was lost - Fifty years of economic folly and the stark choices that lie ahead." I'm sure those who attended would agree it was a highly informative and enjoyable sermon. Dr Moyo was accompanied by Niall Ferguson, a renowned historian and Harvard lecturer. The two appeared to be more of a comedy double act rather than scholarly educators, yet the message carried a significant warning against the consequences of China's ever-increasing rise to economic prosperity and the resultant fall in the affluence of the West.

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I know that all the Year 13 students who made the trip to the LSE enjoyed the public lecture last week and I am sure that it provoked a great deal of discussion. Dambisa Moyo is perhaps best known for her book "Dead Aid" and is one of a number of economists who we study in the "Development" section of the IB economics course. The London School of Economics has an interesting and varied programme of public lectures which can be accessed at the link below:

<http://www2.lse.ac.uk/publicEvents/eventsHome.aspx>

The ticketing policy at the LSE makes it difficult to organise school trips to these events but I would encourage students (with their parents' permission) to deepen their subject knowledge by attending some of the many events which are on offer free of charge.

Mr K Brown

Year 7 Geography Club

For the attention of Year 7 Geographers: Year 7 Geography club is now running fortnightly, the next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th February at 3.05pm in M17, hosted by the Sixth Form Geography prefects.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Mr Shaw

Year 10

Well done to all Year 10 students who undertook their Science modules within the last week. The year group conducted themselves brilliantly and were a credit to the school.

Please note that study leave is only applicable during the Year 10 mock exams. All students are expected to attend school during their modular exams.

It is imperative that students are not absent on the day prior to a modular exam as they will miss out on crucial teaching and learning time.

Miss Squires

Sports News

U19 2nd XI Kent Cup Football (Year 12) vs. Isle of Sheppey Academy (Away)

An early start on a Saturday morning saw the team away to the Isle of Sheppey Academy in the quarter finals of the cup. After a few delays, most noticeably due to Steadman Callender's very late arrival, we kicked off with only 10 men. The first half was one of few chances for either side, as we opted for a more conservative approach due to the shortage of a player. Adam Smith came the closest, however both his attempts sailed a long way over the crossbar. The second half was a different story however, with BGS dominating possession and territory. Not long after the break, the floodgates opened and we raced into a 4-0 lead, with goals coming from quick passing moves, finished by Lee Bulling, Steadman Callender, as well as a swerving effort by Ryan Flack from just outside the box. Sheppey pulled a goal back towards the end, as fatigue set in, but top defensive work from Tom Foot, Dan Hutton, Charlie Elves and Matt Phillips, along with goalkeeper Alex Jones, saw that no more damage was done. A 5th goal was added before the final whistle to see us through comfortably to the next round. Final score 5-1 to BGS!

U19 2nd XI Kent Cup Football (Year 12) vs. Tunbridge Wells Grammar (Away)

Another Saturday morning away day trip took us to Tunbridge Wells, however this time we had a full quota of players and confidence was high. Lee Bulling's shot managed to find its way

into the back of the net early on to give BGS a lead. However soon after, a late tackle on the edge of the box saw a penalty awarded to Tunbridge Wells. The penalty was slotted away to level the scores at 1-1, this seemed to spur the team on. A neat finish from Ryan Flack from 18 yards was followed by a long range strike from Adam Smith which somehow managed to squirm under the keeper into the net to make it 3-1. Again, Tunbridge pulled a goal back through a long ball and a neat chip from the centre forward. An eventful first half was brought to an end with the score at 3-2 to BGS.

The team settled into the second half very quickly, with Bexley seeing a lot of the ball. Early in the second half, the score was made 4-2 when a good ball in found Oli Akinwunmi-Ladega, who brilliantly chested the ball past the goalkeeper and into the top corner. The 5th goal had less craft about it and more luck, as a miscued shot from George Hutton fell perfectly for centre-back Charlie Elves to dink over the goalkeeper. With the game more or less won, George Hutton finished a decent passing move to claim a well deserved goal. At full time, the score was 6-2 to Bexley Grammar. The team goes marching on into yet another semi final, in the hope of winning the double in the not too distant future.

Alex Jones (Year 12)

News from the Parents' Association

January's Millennium Club Winners

Congratulations to Wendy Moore (parent of a Year 9 student) and Sue Baker (parent of a Year 10 student) who were winners of this month's Millennium Club draw. Wendy takes the first prize of £20 and Sue the second prize of £15. We still need more parents to join the Millennium Club - details available from catherinejstock@hotmail.co.uk.

Year 7 Parents - Reminder

Please send your contact details back to your parent form reps - this is for circulation to other parents within your child's form only. If you would like your form rep's details or have any queries about the Year 7 Form Rep scheme, please contact Sukina Banks (also a Year 7 parent) at sukinabanks@googlemail.com.