



Peer Mentors

On Thursday 13th May the Year 12 peer mentors took part in a training day at the Barnehurst Golf Course. Throughout the day we took part in different exercises and were on our feet all day learning by doing. The day was good at teaching us the best ways to deal with situations and the best ways to listen and to help our mentees. Overall, the day was a huge success, we had a lot of fun and it was really interesting in helping us develop as people to be able to help our mentees to the best of our ability. Not only this, but all of us really bonded as a group and at the end of the day we went home with a list from our fellow mentors on what they liked about us which was a huge confidence boost. After the training day, I think I speak for everyone when I say we cannot wait to get started after our exams.

Emma Supple 12JKH

It was indeed a very good day and also a very exciting time for the school's peer mentor scheme as, for the first time, the project is being put forward for a national accreditation with the Mentoring and Befriending Foundation which is a national strategic body for mentoring and befriending. This will provide an opportunity to evaluate the service in order to provide the greatest benefits to everyone.

Mr Lines, Mrs Haslam and I began this process by reviewing and re-structuring the initial training programme which was well received by the students and we are confident that we have an excellent cohort to assist us through the accreditation process and most importantly one that will support our students effectively.

Mrs J Prescott – School Counsellor



Forthcoming Events

Friday 28th May ~ Year 9 & Year 10 Reports issued
Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June ~ Half Term
Saturday 12th June ~ Sports Day and Summer Fayre
Monday 14th June ~ Day off in lieu of Sports Day

Year 11

I would like to say congratulations to all Year 11 students for their excellent behaviour and the emotional assembly as they left last Wednesday; they were a real credit to themselves. They have worked very hard over the last two years and the Year 11 team and I wish them the best of luck in their exams this summer.

Could I also take this opportunity to remind them that they need to be in school uniform when coming into school for exams or to revise. Finally I look forward to seeing them on 24th August when they receive their results. Good Luck and Best Wishes.

Mr Crawford, Director of Studies Year 11

Year 13

Congratulations on completing your studies! I'm sure I speak on behalf of all of our staff in thanking you for your contributions to school life and wishing you the very best of luck in both your exams and your future careers.

If I could just remind you all that you will need to wear school uniform when coming into school for revision sessions and exams.

Book return will be on the 18th June, before the BBQ. I look forward to seeing you all then and, of course, at our Prom on the 25th June. Good luck.

Mr Gilmore, Director of Sixth Form Studies

KS3 Book Club

....is taking a break to give you time to do / prepare for your exams. We'll have another meeting in the week beginning 21st June. The text will be the dark tale of 'Oliver Twist' by Dickens.

See you there.

Ms Casey

Design and Technology Trip for Gifted Students

Last term a selection of Art, Design and Technology students from Years 8 and 9 attended a science and technology day at Greenwich University. Schools from all around the borough of Bexley took part in the fun packed day.

Students were put in pairs from their school and then were paired with another two from a different school. This made the day an opportunity to test people skills and make new friends.

We were given tasks to perform, from making a motion sensing robot, to a fully working buoy. We rose to the challenge and were successful, in most cases!

All of us that went learnt a lot from the trip and would like to thank Mr O'Regan for making the day possible.

Dominic Minney and Tom Pinsent 9TMO



Jack Petchey Award

A huge thank you to Ennocent Chidanyawika (10SCB) who has used a recent £200 Jack Petchey Foundation prize to deck out his Year 10 teammates in a brand new basketball kit for next season. Enno won the award for his incredible dedication to the team and training and, in a typically generous move, opted to spend it on them too. Thanks Enno, we can't wait for next season. Mr Lines

Outdoor Expeditions and World Challenge Notices

All those interested in the Jordan trip will have received a letter this week, confirming that the trip is no longer running. All deposits will be paid back in full.

World Challenge trips this summer are fast approaching!

Challengers ~ Please ensure that ALL personal information is up-to-date on the website and that all medical needs including jabs and malaria tablets are purchased.

Make sure that appropriate fitness regimes are underway - as a guide you should be doing a CV workout 3-4 times a week, for up to 45 minutes each time, to ensure cardiovascular fitness and stamina for trekking.

Parents ~ Below are the dates for the warm-up days where students will be expected at school, fully-packed at 9 am.

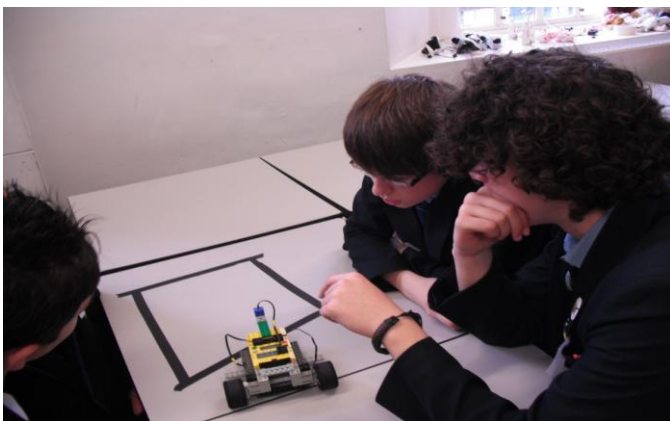
Parents will be invited to a BBQ at 5pm at school on the evening of the build-up day, to say a final goodbye to their intrepid challengers (and collect any extra kit that won't fit in their rucksacks!). Students will sleep over at the school before travelling by coach to the airport early the following morning.

Tuesday 27th July - Ecuador teams 1 and 3

Wednesday 28th July - Peru team 4

Thursday 29th July - Ecuador team 2.

If there are any queries about the above information, please contact Miss A Fairbairn at school.



Year 10 Cricket Match Report

Last Wednesday, the Year 10 cricket team played a league match against Hurstmere, and came out triumphant, thanks to a wonderful fifty not-out from the captain, Alex Picksley, who led from the front in not only the batting but the bowling as well. We set them a target of 142 to win, which was helped by solid knocks from Kieran Thomas and myself. Our total also included some slightly below par scores, counting two ducks from two of the most unexpected of sources, Ryan Evariste and Nick Wren. In addition to our batting, our bowling and fielding was epic, this included some wonderful catches from Pavitter Chana and Liam Lewis. However there were a few culprits for dropped chances, including myself and Jon Pitchford. But all round we have a lot to be proud of after that performance, and we all believe it can only get better.

Matt Snow (Year 10 Prefect)

Maths Challenge

Congratulations to all the Year 7 and 8 students who took part in the Junior Mathematical Challenge. We had some outstanding results with 33 gold certificates, 59 silver certificates and 42 bronze certificates out of 190 entries. Extra congratulations should go to those students who received gold certificates. Only the top 6% nationally receive these.

From Year 8, they are: Jason Ly (best in school), Anith Raveendran, Jake Healy, Bradley Ward, Simran Bains, Ross Brady, Finn Conway, Michael Agius, Adeola Sokunbi, Oluwanifemi Olusola-Ojo, Martina Arandjelovic, Jawand Jheeta, Mary Odonkor, Berkan Chelikhhan, Baljinder Manak, Ben Gunton, Ruby Kessell, Ramya Sriram, Lucy Chapman, Jamie Grain, Jake Brown, Michael Allen, Cameron Currie and Sarah Lasoye.

From Year 7 they are: Isobel Richardson, Amy Dykes, Tony Chambers, Solomon Tucker, Peter Smith, Jennifer Milliams, Katie Chant, Orla Wilkinson and Sophia Hou.

Four of the students who received gold certificates obtained scores over 102 out of 135 and have been invited to compete in the Junior Mathematical Olympiad. Only the top 1200 students nationally are invited to participate and this is the first time students from Bexley Grammar have been invited. Those students are Jason Ly, Anith Raveendran and Jake Healy from Year 8 and Isobel Richardson from Year 7. These students have done phenomenally well to achieve this. Congratulations. Miss Scott

Merits

Congratulations go to Holly Port, Chris Goring, Sajana Karunakaran 7APB and Taran Birdee 7SRA for reaching 100 merits. A big well done to you all for getting a distinction for this section of the diploma! Fantastic work! Mrs Kemp

Well done to Cameron Kunyeda and John King 8SMD on reaching 50 merits. Mr Johnson

Girls' Basketball

Huge congratulations to Nicole Sigler, Merryn Waddy, Devena Ageyi, Ozlem Unat, Abigail Abimbola and Colina Archie-Pearce who have been selected to represent Bexley at Basketball in the London Youth games at the end of May. Well done girls. Miss Leffen

Academic Council

Year 7 diploma interview with Mrs Kemp

So for those of us who don't know can you tell me the main concepts of the diploma?

The diploma brings together pastoral elements (such as merits and attendance) and academic elements; students pick their six top subjects to contribute to the diploma. The passes are separated into Distinction, Merit, Pass and ½ diploma.

What are the main aims of the diploma?

The diploma encourages students to incorporate the BGS ethos into student life and emphasises the importance of deadlines in the academic world. It values student participation beyond the classroom while encouraging good practice in meeting deadlines to prepare for later years, in particular, the GCSE years.

The diploma is coming to an end soon, so how do you feel it went?

The celebration evening, at which all the parents can see their children receive their awards and share their pride, is fast approaching. I feel the course has been a great success but as with all new courses it has had its challenges. The main issue seemed to be the crossover of deadlines, with lots of work being set at the same time, but this can be fixed for next year.

Webster Bryans

Thank you

I would like to thank the very kind parents who anonymously dropped off a bag full of gardening gloves and some plates for the 7HLE crockery smashing stall. Please could you let reception know who you are so that I know who the gloves should be returned to? Thank you also to the anonymous student who brought in a huge bag of comics for my Comic Book Club, and left them at reception. Your gift was much appreciated!

Miss Edmundson



BGS Summer Fayre and Sports Day - Saturday 12th June

Our annual joint Sports Day and Summer Fayre is nearly upon us! On Saturday 12th June, **students in Years 7 to 10 will attend school from 9.30am until approximately 2.45pm**. Parents, friends and Years 11-13 are welcome to join us from 10.30am until approximately 2.15pm but please note that there will be no parking available on site. Please remember to plan for the day off in lieu on **Monday 14th June** when the **school is closed**.

There are now over fifty stalls, many of them traditional, some refreshingly new. Glancing down a list, I see everything from face painting to crockery smashing, sumo wrestling to karaoke, not forgetting the annual dog show. A programme will be available at the gate for 50p and stalls will be charging anything from 10p to £1. Four World Challenge teams will be raising funds for their exciting trips to South America but all the rest of the stalls are fundraising for the Parents' Association.

Please join us to support your son/daughter both at the Fayre and at the Sports Day track events, finishing with the relays towards 2.00pm. There is stiff competition between the Houses, as ever; the day promises excitement for all!

Please be aware that your son/daughter should be prepared for spending most of the day outside. Students are welcome in their own clothes (at no charge) but are being encouraged to support their House colours. **Students should have a hat, sun cream and a bottle of water for the day**. The canteen will be serving lunch as usual (cashless and cash transactions welcome) but there will also be a range of world foods available, a tea shop, ice creams and, of course, there will be Mr Crowley's famous barbecue!

We do not anticipate poor weather, but in the event of sustained torrential rain the school will decide on the appropriate course of action after morning registration.

S Elphick
Deputy Head

Help! Donations Welcome!

Please have a look through the list below and if you have anything that might be of help, please bring it in to Reception.

sweets, toys, toiletries, etc. - anything that might be offered as prizes on a stall

old crockery (not glass please)

books

buckets (any shape or sizes)

hoola-Hoops

cargo net (or similar) or anything for an obstacle course

lots of small paper or plastic bags to wrap up sweets, cookies, etc.

sweet scoops

unwanted bottles of wine, etc., jars/bottles filled with sweets or toiletries.

old ground sheets or tarpaulins

a large salad bowl (for a lucky dip)

chocolate (to be melted for a fountain)

Thank you