



Key Stage 3 Musical Showcase

On Tuesday evening, in chill temperatures, a crowd gathered in the School Hall for the KS3 Musical Showcase. This new venture show-cased solo talent from Years 7 and 8, topped and tailed by the forty five strong Junior Choir with a finale by the Big Band.

What a wonderful programme! Nineteen soloists entertained on a range of instruments, everything from Vivaldi on the piano through Gershwin on the trombone to Deep Purple on the drums, taking in voice, trumpet, flute, saxophone, violin and clarinet performances. It was inspiring to see such young talent performing challenging and entertaining pieces with such confidence.

A huge thank you to Miss Varty for masterminding and hosting what will now undoubtedly be an annual event. Thank you too to all in the Music Department and to the ever-present Mrs Snelling for her wonderful organisational skills. And finally, thank you to our talented students and their parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents and friends for coming out on a cold evening to celebrate the occasion. (The World Challenge team that ran the refreshments and the raffle also add their thanks for the generosity of the audience.)

Mr Elphick

Forthcoming Events

Monday 8th February ~ Year 9 and Year 10 Reports issued

Monday 8th February ~ Year 10 Parents' Evening

9th-12th February ~ *Guys and Dolls*

Friday 12th February ~ Year 13 Reports issued

Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February ~ Half Term

Year 7

We would like to inform you on recent events that have happened in Year 7. Firstly, we would like to say big congratulations to the netball team, who drew against Welling School. Well Done!!

Secondly, we would like to remind students about their diploma sheet. Mrs Kemp would like you to keep them updated.

Finally, we would like to say well done to the students who have reached 50 merits.

Emma Deadman and Kevin Doan 7MGL

Just a little reminder to all Year 7 pupils of the importance of meeting deadlines for the diploma tasks. I have heard from many staff that you are producing fantastic work for your diploma. Keep up the excellent work! Remember to get involved in your House activities, many more events are coming up this term so watch out....! Mrs Kemp



It's showtime! The Bexley Grammar School musical theatre production is fast approaching, and this year it's a genuine classic. Guys and Dolls is often referred to as "the perfect Broadway musical", and with songs like Luck Be A Lady, Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat and I've Never Been In Love Before, it's easy to understand why. The production promises to be even more spectacular than last year; in addition to the fantastic quality of the band, the acting, the singing, the dancing and the costumes which you have come to expect from BGS productions, this year the ADT department have outdone themselves contributing all manner of exciting props and scenery. This show is bound to

appeal to the whole family with its mix of comedy and romance.

There will be four performances – Tuesday 9th February through to Friday 12th February starting at 7pm. Refreshments will be served in the interval, and will be provided by the World Challenge teams to raise money for their forthcoming trips to Ecuador and Peru this summer. We anticipate this show selling out very quickly, so please ensure you book your tickets early. Seating is allocated, but please note that we cannot re-allocate or change ticket order once seating has been assigned.

If you would like to purchase tickets, please fill in the form on the letter you will have received (a copy of the letter can be found on the website under 'Letters Home') and return it with cash or cheque made payable to Bexley Grammar School. I look forward to seeing you at one of the performances.

Tickets cost £5.00 per adult and £3.00 for children/concessions.

Mr Elphick

Year 11 GCSE Maths

Congratulations to all 53 students who took their GCSE Maths exam last November and have just received their results. 44 of them achieved A* with the rest achieving a grade A. All these students are now studying for Additional Maths at Advanced Level which they will take in the summer. Well done!
Mathematics Department

Merits

Congratulations to Tom Barton, Rosie Thackeray (7APB), Holly White (7LRB), Mahdi Ahmed, Lauren Barnes, Emily Birch, Jemima Itang, Katie Marsh, Alicija Nerek, Rhianna Radely, Reece Strong, Dayna Tait, Hannah Thorpe, Emily Wang (7MGL) and James Geddis (7LKS) who have all achieved 50 merits.

Congratulations also to Todd Green 8PKS who is the first Year 8 pupil to reach 50 merits.

All names will be entered into the draw for an iPod.

Notices

Year 12 Geography residential trip ~ Please can I remind parents of pupils attending the Year 12 Geography residential trip in March that the meeting to discuss the trip is on **1st February** at 5pm in SFC1. It is important that you are there so that we can answer any questions you have about the trip and extended essays / coursework based round it.
Ms Rock

KS3 Reading Group ~The next book will be **'Eragon'** by **Christopher Paolini**. Please come along if you've read it before too. See you in M20 at lunch time on Thursday 4th Feb. If you need a lunch pass, see me.
Ms Casey

Spelling Bee trials ~ Calling all Year 7s. Can you spell? Are you prepared to go head-to-head with other schools in a national competition as part of the Bexley Grammar Spelling Bee Team? Come for try-outs next week at 3.15pm on Thursday 4th February in G2.
Ms Casey

Ip Meal Deal ~ Chilli & rice / Vegetable chilli & rice on Thursday 4th February

Congratulations to the Millennium Club winners for January:
J Dunk - £18 and Stella Burgess - £14

Pink St Valentine's Day is on Friday 12th February. It will be Non-uniform Day, pay £1. Buy your 'loved-one' some Rosebuds and get them delivered on your behalf. Jigsaw badges, ribbon badges, cakes, milk shakes etc are all on sale. Proceeds go to Breast Cancer Research.

If anyone would like to help in any way by organising or selling something, please see Summer Reynolds 11RHS (H6).

Mrs Wieck

Academic Council

This week, the Academic Council has been discussing various issues concerning homework, such as its frequency and its purpose in relation to how it can best benefit students. If you would like to comment, please visit our frontier page as we will be forwarding all of our ideas to Mrs Sword.

Quote of the week:

"Desire is the key to motivation, but it's the determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal - a commitment to excellence - that will enable you to attain the success you seek." - Mario Andretti

Read here next week to find more student learning help and guidance from the Academic Council, for all years!