



MFL Celebration Evening 2009

The annual MFL Celebration Evening took place on Wednesday 16th September. We were treated to a performance of the German song which gained 8JMP the prize for House MFL song. The students wrote the song themselves and did their own choreography. Next up was the presentation of the MFL Filmmaker Awards, hosted by our very own Jonathan Ross, Mr Savage. Palme de Bronze went to Bejal Patel, Palme d'argent to Cameron Rushbrook and the prestigious Palme D'or went to Christopher Piper. After receiving their Foreign Language Leader Awards the Language Leaders entertained us with their puppet show of 'Boucle D'Or et les trois ours'. The evening finished with students giving presentations about school trips abroad. Michael Hobbs, Emma Ly and Funmi Adekojo delighted us with tales of their French Work Experience and the cultural experiences they enjoyed. Nicholas Ung kindly came back into school to tell us about the competition he won and his prize of a trip to Japan.

Thank you to all students and staff involved in the evening, especially this year's Foreign Language Leaders who volunteered to help out.



Students enjoying the Celebration Evening

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 6th October ~ Parents' Association AGM
Monday 12th October ~ Year 11 Reports issued
Wednesday 14th October ~ Year 11 Parents' Evening
Friday 16th October ~ Parents' Association Line Dancing Evening
Monday 19th October ~ Year 8 and Year 9 Reports issued
Monday 26th – Friday 30th ~ Half Term

Year 7

Many thanks to all Year 7 parents for attending the Parent and Tutor Evening on Tuesday 22nd September. It was an excellent start to the term and I hope the Year 7 pupils continue to display a positive attitude throughout the year. Just to reinforce some points that were raised at the Parents' Evening:

- Contact books should be signed by parents on a weekly basis.
- There are various extra-curricular clubs which Year 7s have the opportunity to join. Notices will be displayed in their form rooms. If your son/daughter has decided to attend an extra-curricular club they should note this in their planner and inform parents where they will be after school hours.
- If you are experiencing problems with payment in the canteen then please contact the Finance Office for more information or log onto www.parentpay.com

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Kemp

Sports News

Girls' Football under 16s beat Rainham SFG 15-1 in the first round of the Kent Cup. They are now to play Priory in the 2nd round. Charlotte Harris received player of the match. Scorers included Charlotte Harris, Charlotte Long, Erin Bullions, Alex Foulds, Naomi Wass(c) and Eleanor Meehan.

Girls' under 13s and under 14s are due to play their 1st and 2nd round matches within the next few weeks. Mrs Haslam

Year 7 girls had a great start to the Netball season with a 3-1 victory over Chislehurst and Sidcup last Thursday. With some great shooting from GA Natasha Polston and super defending by girl of the match Abi Falase, the team went from strength to strength to finally win the game. Well done girls for a brilliant start! Miss Leffen

Modern Languages Trips in the Summer Term 2010

Inspired by the report of a wonderful trip in the last newsletter, I wanted to share with parents the news about the Modern Languages trips in the Summer Term. The letters about these trips have been distributed this week and the important factor is that places are limited, so there is a need to decide and act soon, so as to avoid disappointment. As in many successful years in the past we are offering Year 9 pupils the chance to go to the country where their first

foreign language is spoken – either France or Germany. Pupils in Year 10, who are studying French, German or Spanish have the opportunity to visit these countries. In each case pupils stay, in pairs, with carefully selected families. This allows them to experience much more of the culture of the country than would otherwise be the case, as they converse over dinner or watch TV with the family. The days are spent with the group absorbing the higher culture of the area, such as the Beethovenhaus in



Oysters in Brittany



Salamanca cathedral

Bonn, the Cathedral in Salamanca or the ancient coastal citadel of Saint Malo.

There is also time to explore in smaller groups, venturing into a local market or department store and having the opportunity to use transactional language buying souvenirs and snacks.

The sizes of the groups, which we can take, are limited by the number of families available in each location and the numbers we can fit onto the coaches used. In France and Germany we have our own coach throughout, whereas in Spain the group will fly out and a Spanish coach will be provided for airport transfers and excursions as needed.

If parents of pupils eligible to go on these trips want to sign up and the letter has gone astray, please contact Mr Costar on Costar_A@bexleygs.co.uk to obtain an electronic copy.

Mr Costar

Clubs

As always, the BGS Christian Union will be meeting on Tuesday in M20 at 10:40am for our weekly 10 minute prayer slot – if you'd like to come and pray, or be prayed for, then please feel free to pop along! We shall also be meeting on Thursday at 3:15pm in L4 for our fortnightly bible study. Any questions or suggestions to Mr Harris or Miss Austin.

Русский Клуб (Russian Club) is on Tuesday again in J1 from 3:15pm until 4pm. We will be continuing with Chapter 1 of Iskra 1 (our Russian textbook) for complete beginners and as a revision class for more experienced Russian speakers! If you have any questions, please email Miss V Novikova.

Notices

World Challenge

Compulsory Planning meeting for ALL teams on WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER- 3.15-4.15 in J7 and J8.

Music Groups

Rehearsals are underway for the many choirs, instrumental ensembles and bands that we run at BGS. But it is not too late to join! If you like music and play an instrument or enjoy singing, take a look at the list of activities we run to work out what would be best for you. Most groups involve no audition and play a wide variety of music – there's bound to be something for you, so just come along to the next rehearsal. The list of activities on offer can be found opposite the School Office in the Student Notices display cabinet.

Reminder ~ All money collected for Jeans for Genes needs to be taken to the Finance Office by Wednesday 7th October.

Thank you

Mrs Wieck

Finally, with the return of the darker mornings may we remind cyclists of the need for protective helmets at this time of year and reflective jackets. Cyclists are particularly vulnerable this time of year and we have already had a report of a near miss between a cyclist and a car.

F Dewdney

Academic Council

For those Year 11s who are doing their maths exam early this year, here are 3 top tips to help you:

- Make yourself a revision timetable to keep on top of everything
- Use the school resources provided on Fronter, including past papers
- And don't forget your calculator!

Quote of the week:

'The future belongs to those who prepare for it today.' Malcolm X

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

Examination Information

- Timetables for those students in 11xMA1 and 11yMA1 who are taking GCSE Mathematics in November have been given out this week. These exams start at 8.30 am on 5th and 10th November 2009.
- Information from the JCQ (Joint Council for Qualifications) regarding controlled assessments, which replace GCSE coursework, has been given out to all students in Year 10. A copy will also be available on the website.
- Those students in Year 11 to Year 13 who are still doing coursework as part of their GCSE/GCE qualification have received information from the JCQ about coursework. This information will also be put on the website.

Mrs Gianakakis