



Year News

Year 8

Romeo and Juliet was one of the best plays I have been in. I played the role of Friar Lawrence. The play had its ups and downs but overall it was fantastic!! The friends I made while rehearsing were terrific. The lines that we had to learn were very challenging but everyone coped with them brilliantly. I hope everyone who came to see the play was just as thrilled as I was. Please come to see next year's performance! I have heard that we are doing a pantomime! Once again thanks to the cast and staff that helped make this possible.

Hope you enjoyed the play!!!

Callum Rye 8CAS

Year 9

Congratulations to Amy Lockwood (9NSS) who has been selected to swim for Kent, in the butterfly.

Well done to Alex Davis and Natasha Douglas (JSW) for gaining 50 Merits. Their names will be entered into the draw for an iPod.

I would personally like to thank all those Year 9 pupils and parents who have donated so generously to the '4 Drew' appeal. Drew is in desperate need of treatment for his cancer and every pound helps. The appeal is ongoing, but we have days rather than weeks to meet our target. Any donations should go to Form Tutors, the Finance Office or directly to me. Thank you again.

Mr Morris

Year 10

On January 20th 2009, 20 students went with Mr Johnson and Mrs Longman to Cambridge University. There, we were very fortunate to meet with two ex-students of Bexley Grammar, William King and Benedict Treloar, to receive a guided tour of their grounds, accommodation, Refectory (dining area) and Library at FitzWilliam College. We also got the opportunity to speak to some of their undergraduate student friends about what it was like to study and live in Cambridge. Afterwards we travelled to the Chemistry Faculty lecture hall where two experienced lecturers informed us on what subjects and combinations to take for A-Level and IB at Key Stage 5 to win a place at a top university. They also explained to us what else they were looking for in a student applying to study at Cambridge University. They talked in depth about grades, interviews, applications, references and personal statements.

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 10th February ~ Y10 Parents' Evening

Monday 16th February ~ Half Term 1 week

We learned a lot about the different courses available at Cambridge and life at *and* after university. All in all, we had a thoroughly enjoyable experience. We even managed to get in a quick tour of Cambridge town centre to see the beautiful old colleges!
Cicely Blain (10RJS)

The Year 10 boys' football team beat Cleeve Park 3-1. Well done and keep winning!

Congratulations to Wesley Jno-Baptiste for scoring the opening goal in the Under 19 Kent cup final.

Well done to the girls' football team who won 5-3 last week and have reached the last 16 out of 200 schools.
Erin Bullion (10RHS)

Year 11

Year 11 students have just been on a History trip to the Imperial War Museum, and it was very interesting. The yearbook is also coming together nicely, if you have any photos of our year group from Year 7 upwards, Selen will appreciate them. 11JML prefects

Sixth Form

'Dancing at Lughnasa' ~ Culture Club on Wednesday 11th March.

Tickets for the above theatre visit are now available for sixth form students via the Finance Office at £10 each. If you'd like to join us and need a letter please see Ms Hanington or Ms Stoddard in the English office. Hurry to avoid disappointment!

And ...

After the success of one our students winning a trip to Moscow last summer to take part in an international language competition, we have once again been given the opportunity for students to take part in this year's Association of Language Learners (ALL) Russian Competition. There are different entry levels for all students from Year 8 to Year 13, (plus post-sixth form) and there are also sections specifically for native speakers. If any students (or staff!) would like to enter the competition, please come along to Russian club in L4 after school on Tuesdays, or speak to Mr Harris.

Non-uniform Days

This term there will be the last 2 non-uniform days of the academic year (£1 to wear own clothes):

Pink Day/Valentine's Day: Friday 13th Feb

Comic Relief: Friday 13th March

The School Council asks for your continued generous support in raising money for Breast Cancer Research and helping underprivileged children in Africa to receive an education.

Watch out for more information in the next newsletter.

Mrs Wieck and School Council

Department News

English Department ~ Dates for your Diary

Monday February 2nd - Year 13 IB Standard oral commentary. We wish all the students lots of luck and remind them to focus on literary features in as much detail as possible. Students will be out of one whole/part of a lesson.

Monday 9th February - Year 12 Bexley Public Speaking competition 'The Olympics - the political games?' The following students will be representing the school at this fiercely competitive event and they will be rehearsing their speech in year 12 assembly that day. Good luck to them all! Harry Walker, Aaron Eckelt, Anike Akinola, Michael Dickson, Jonathan Dias.

Friday 13th February - Poetry Live. Up to 100 Year 11 students will take part in this popular event to see the poets they are studying and meet the chief examiner, who hopefully will inspire them to achieve as highly as possible. (TRIP FULL)

Thursday 26th February - 'Wuthering Heights' conference. An excellent opportunity for 20 year 12 students to listen and be inspired by leading professors in this passionate novel. (TRIP FULL)

Sports Reports

Rugby - Year 7 Boys

Well done to the Year 7 boys who continued their winning ways by beating Kemnal 30 - 10. The game was physical and Bexley Grammar displayed some excellent handling skills matched with speed from Nifi on the wing. However, it was Daniel Thomas the captain who took the game by the scruff of the neck and drove his boys home to victory. The 18 boys involved should feel very pleased as Kemnal have a good reputation in rugby and expected to win. The way our boys play as a team and are developing a good understanding of the game bodes well for the rest of the season and next year.

Mr Boyle

Football - U13 Boys

Well done to the u13 Boys who won comfortably against Wilmington Grammar in the North Kent Cup. A virtuoso second half performance from Dominic Thomas was complemented by goals from Ross Bassan (2), Josh Raggett, and Robert Burgess, as the boys turned around a 1-0 deficit to win 5-1.

Basketball - U14 Boys

A mixed week for the u14 Basketball team, who suffered a narrow home defeat against Trinity on Tuesday, and then a fine win away at Hurstmere. A special mention to Nikhil Faulkner (9CJW), who acquitted himself excellently on his debut for the team.

Mr Lines

Young Enterprise

Impresa (a Young Enterprise company) would like to congratulate Sukhpreet Dawgotra who won the iPod shuffle in our recent raffle. We would like to thank everyone who bought a raffle ticket.

Maisy Tuong & Grace Bradshaw 12NJR (joint MDs)

Do you want to make a difference? Have you got some good ideas to make a positive difference for young people living in the borough?

Youth Parliament Elections ~ **Bexley Youth Council** have asked us to take part in the process of nominating students from BGS to take part in this year's election which is to take place between 29th Jan and 4th Feb. If you are interested please see me in H8 this week.

If we have more than 3 names overall, we will have to hold an election in school. If we have only 3 nominees they will automatically go forward as representatives.

The job involves representing the school at council meetings on a weekly basis, discussing and making decisions on matters that directly affect young people living in the borough, and generally work together with other young people to improve things in Bexley. It also gives them an opportunity to express their views and make positive change.

Mrs Wieck