



China 2011

Thank you to all staff and students who made this year's China Trip an amazing and memorable one. We visited the cities of Shanghai, Beijing, Xian and Suzhou. We climbed the great wall, saw the bird's nest, cycled the 14km city wall of Xian and were astounded by the Terracotta Warriors, amongst other things. We had our fill of Chinese food for lunch and dinner and experienced the overnight sleeper train which was interesting to say the least.



This trip runs as part of the Economics and Business Studies Department and is available in Year 13 to anyone who studies the subjects and marks a fantastic end to the study of transition economies.

Miss Squires

Young Art in Bexley

Congratulations to the following pupils who have all received certificates of merit for their Art work currently on display at Hall Place as part of the "Young Art in Bexley" exhibition:

Stephanie Ryland and Alicja Nerek in Year 7;

Michael Sidhu in Year 9; Colina Archie-Pearce and Kerry-Anne Sweeney in Year 11; Emma Chilton in Year 12 and Charlotte Nelson in Year 13.

Particular mention was made of the work by the following Year 7 pupils who were awarded first place in the group work category for their collaged self portraits:

Jack Davies, Shania Dodd, Jusleen Gill, Robbie Mitchell and Alfie Wheeler.

Bailey Whittington in Year 9 was also awarded a prize for his piece in acrylic and spray paint entitled "I am not a Number".

Well done to all of these pupils; we are very proud of them.

The "Young Art in Bexley" exhibition runs at Hall Place until March 14th.

Miss Peach

British Biology Olympiad: First Round Results

Well done to the Year 12 & 13 pupils who recently participated in the first round of the British Biology Olympiad. Dean Williams, Toyosi Bello, Sulakshan Jayatharan, Emily Millhouse, Josh Lansdell, Diana Matthews, Ben Gan, Tim Gan and Adebayo Bishi represented Bexley Grammar School. The results are in and special mention should go to Emily Millhouse and Josh Lansdell who both achieved a 'Commended' and Dean Williams who achieved a 'Silver' Award falling with the top 60% and 15% respectively of the 2850 students participating in the first round. Very well done!

Miss Skinner

Jack Petchey Award Winners

A huge thank you to Jemma Conner (11RSM) and Emily Millhouse (13CHV) who have both spent their Jack Petchey Foundation awards on equipment for the school. Emily has purchased some science equipment, and Jemma has provided the PE department with more cricket "crazy catches".

I still have a few previous winners who are yet to spend their prizes – please come and see me to discuss how and where the money might be spent.

Mr Lines

Year 7 Disco

Leave your unhappiness at the door and enter the Valentines Disco! On Friday 11th February, Year 7s had a Valentines Day Disco! The evening was full of music and dancing; the songs that were played included 'Forget You' by Cee Lo Green and 'Airplanes' by B.O.B. Everyone belted out the songs rather loudly. Once or twice, when someone danced well, a circle was formed around them as people watched in awe. Glow sticks were also being sold and seemed to be quite popular as people made chains around their necks with them and wore them with pride. Everyone had a great time but, before we knew it, the disco was over. The main lights were switched on and they washed away all of the eeriness that the glow sticks had produced. Parents waited outside as excited children greeted them, stories of the disco echoing in the night. A couple of hours later, the school was once again dark and deserted. Evidence of the fun-filled night had been tidied away and everything was clean and neat. The disco was amazing and we all hope that another one is planned soon. Thanks to all the teachers and the World Challenge team who supervised and we hope they had a great time too.

Skye Terblanche 7CMS

Year 8

Welcome back everyone after a well-earned half term break. We hope that you've already started this half term with enthusiasm. This week Year 8 Forms have been on a school trip to The Science Observatory at Herstmonceux. We hope that you've enjoyed learning about telescopes, stars, forces, and many other topics in this science trip. We hope you've represented Bexley Grammar School well. Keep up the good work.

Synduja Jayatharan, Victoria Chivers & Christopher Mills 8LRB

Science Specialism: Imperial College London Engineering Day

The Imperial College, London, is one of the most prestigious and successful science institutions on the globe, and on February 16th, a group of Year 10 female Science enthusiasts were given the opportunity to experience the inner workings of our national Science pride. Designed to open our eyes to the female role within the engineering world, the excursion provided us with a very interesting insight into both the many possibilities a degree in engineering could give you, and the inner workings of a university and university life.

The day consisted of a series of engaging talks and lectures on the various areas of engineering, followed by a tour of the civil, chemical, and electrical engineering departments. We were given the opportunity to look around some of the laboratories, home to students who are pushing the boundaries of our knowledge of the world of science as we speak, and to ask them questions about their work, and their life at Imperial. It was an inspirational day out, which has opened our minds to a life in engineering, so thank you to Imperial College, and the BGS Science Department for arranging it!

Michelle Bacon, 10SRN

Year 10

Study leave for Year 10 students will commence from 28th March for two weeks whilst students take their mock examinations. Students need to ensure that revision has commenced for these important exams. MFL speaking exams will begin from Monday 21st March and will form part of their final GCSE mark. Finding work experience placements should already be underway and students need to make contact with firms and hopefully receive offers before study leave commences.

Miss Squires

KS3 Book Club

This week is a bumper week for Darren Shan. We will be discussing 'Lord Loss', the first in Shan's 'The Demonata Series' and 'Cirque Du Freak', the first in Shan's 'The Saga of Darren Shan'. We will be comparing the two stories and seeing if and how they fit into our half term's theme of horror fiction.

If you are interested in coming, the Book Club meets period 5 on Mondays of week A in G10.

Miss Woodcock

School Council

There will be a meeting for all Reps in H8 at academic monitoring time on Wednesday 9th March to discuss Red Nose Day.

Merits

Well done to the following Year 7 students on obtaining 50 merits:

Jenorth Santheeswaran
Michael Foster
Sandy Mohamed
Jessica Whelan
Ben Grove
Atlanta Moitra
Ryan Harwood
Lauren Jones

Congratulations to Aaron Harrex on obtaining 100 merits

Mr Crawford

Notice to Parents

A new service for children has been opened at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup.

If your child's condition is not life-threatening, you can now go to the Children & Young People's Assessment Unit in Queen Mary's Sidcup to have your child seen by specially trained children's doctors and nurses or at the Urgent Care Centre.

The unit is open from 9.00 am – 8.00 pm for young people aged 0-17.