



Year News

Year 7

The Year 7 rugby squad has developed a lot since the start of the year and we have only lost one game in our first match in the cup against Wilmington Grammar. In our most recent games we have beaten Hextable a glorious 60-0 victory, and then went on to beat Kemnal by 35-10. The man of the match for these two matches was the captain, Daniel Thomas, as he drove us on to victory when we were looking vulnerable. Another player who played well in the last two games with impressive speed and strength was Nife; he is our top scorer so far.

It is true to say that the squad could win the plate if we continue to play the way we are.

Daniel Thomas and Charlie Warner 7MPL

The Year 7 basketball team are unbeaten so far and we are through to the 4th round of the cup. We had a fixture on 5th March after school. Let's hope it was another win!

Joe Kelly 7MPL

On Saturday 28th February the Year 7 football A-team played against a strong Erith side and unfortunately we lost 4-1. In the first half we had a good start until the first goal went in. We got disheartened and conceded another. The man of the match in my opinion was Ryan Clarke who played centre midfield.

Joe Kelly 7MPL

Also on Saturday 28th the B team played the B team of Erith. We fought bravely against them; however we lost 7-1. We were disappointed at the result. Shokirie Clarke (7AJS) scored first we then collapsed conceding 7 goals. Mr Brewer our manager chose Michael Cliburn as man of the match.

Michael Cliburn 7MPL

Forthcoming Events

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Friday 13th March – Comic Relief Day

Wednesday 18th March ~ Spring Concert

Year 8

Year 8 Kent Netball Tournament ~ well done to all the Year 8 girls who represented BGS at the Kent netball tournament on Thursday 26th Feb. The team members are: Lizzie Nicholson, Jessica North, Michelle Bacon, Merryn Waddy, Nicola Imrie, Eloise Scarth, Winnie Lam, Kelly Huynh, Lizzie Howard and Jodie Morton.
Mrs Mallin & Mrs Kemp

Year 9

I hope parents found last Thursday's evening consultation useful and productive; I was delighted with the very positive atmosphere.

There were several enquiries about end of year examinations, these will take place during the week commencing Monday 30th March (i.e. last week of this term). The exams will run through the whole week. Results will be included in your next set of reports from us.
C Morris

Congratulations to the Year 9 rugby team who advanced to the latter stages of the Bromley and Bexley Plate competition with a convincing 50-0 win over Bonus Pastor School on Monday.

The boys applied themselves very well and remained focused as the opposition became frustrated, and were a credit to themselves and BGS. Tries from Tunde Adekojo (5), John Pitchford (2) and Leo Dos Santos sealed the win.
M Lines

Non-uniform Day, pay £1



Events: 'Do something funny for money' sponsor forms available from Mrs Wieck in H8 from Monday 9th March.

'Comedy X Factor' in hall at lunch time on Friday. Can you make people laugh? Try your comedy act out on the audience. See Lucy Pincott (1 IFF) or Mrs Wieck for an entry form

On Wednesday 11th February, eight students from Year 9 travelled over to North London where they took part in a forensic science experience. Jemma Conner, Becky Endersby, James Kelly, Josh Ward, Beth Munday, Nonye Ezech, Andrew Mills and I worked with students at the North London Collegiate School on the 'Mystery at Salty Towers' programme. The programme was about taking out certain experiments and tests that involved forensics to discover the culprit. We also had the chance to be shown around the school and to learn about the evolution of chemistry over the country. The day was great fun and many thanks to Mrs Vials and Miss Skinner for taking us! Harry Welch 9RSM/9F

Year 10

On 25th February 10 girls from Year 10 went to the Imperial College London University for an Open Day for girls on Science and Engineering. Whilst there we did lots of different experiments to do with engineering and we also had a tour of the university. We had a great day and learnt a lot about the subject. Adelapo Haastrup 10 MTR

The Year 8, 9 and 10 girls' ESFA last 16 match was a tightly fought contest against a very strong Tideway team, from Sussex.

The first half ended 0-0 and after an inspiring team talk at half time with Miss Bull, Ellie scored our first goal within five minutes from the kick off. Soon after, Tideway equalised, but we managed to go in front again with some great link up play from the defence, Naomi and Alex, setting up Ellie who doubled her goal tally. Tideway managed to get a goal back, and both teams continued to battle well, forcing great saves from both keepers.

Tideway then scored with seven minutes to go, however, we kept battling and we saw good chances saved or narrowly missed. The final score was 3-2 to Tideway. Our player of the match was Emily Symonds due to a very strong performance in defence despite the score, and a mention to the Captain, Naomi Wass, who stayed positive and led the team throughout.

Every player worked hard, proving that we are at least one of the best 16 school teams in England! Well done girls!

Tania Morton 10MTR

Year 11

A reminder for GCSE Drama students that their performance exam is in less than 3 weeks, so good luck for then! Plus the GCSE Modern Foreign Language oral exams are also in a few weeks time, so best wishes and start revising now!

Charlotte Nelson & Jaime Smith

Sixth Form

Well done and thank you to all the Y12 Theatre studies students. They performed to an audience of over 60 on a very successful evening of entertainment.

The evening showed a large variety of talent and style. This ranged from the Naturalism and surreal Greek elements of Lorca's 'Blood Wedding' with an amazing performance from Rebecca McCormick to John Godber's 'Teachers' a fast paced snappy production with Charlie Servis showing a believable enactment of the life of a teacher in a difficult school. We then concluded with Brecht's 'The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui' an allegory of Hitler's rise to power, with Ricky Lawrence recreating a successful Hitler figure.

Thank you to all the students involved and to all the staff who came along to support them.

Keep your eyes peeled for our forthcoming event on Thursday 26th March when Year 11 showcase plays such as 'Blood Brothers', 'Shakers', 'My mother said I never should' and lots more. Miss Wrightson

On Thursday 12th March Hayes School are performing in a production of 'Dr Faustus'. Year 12 students of Literature are encouraged to visit. Miss Ramsden

Year 12 English Literature Wuthering Heights Conference

On Thursday 26th February 20 Year 12 students attended a series of diversely themed lectures on their AS set text, *Wuthering Heights*. Whilst the initial challenge was "hunt the venue in Camden Town", our brains were suitably tested with a range of lectures on subjects from the gothic tradition to the maze of metaphor in the novel. Each visiting university lecturer provided us with plenty of food for thought, whilst also giving our students a flavour of the academic demands of university life. Here are some of their thoughts on the day:

"It gave me a really clear idea of the complex character that Heathcliff is and how intense his and Cathy's relationship is."

"It gave me a new perspective on some aspects of the novel."

"Thought provoking and inspiring!"

"Going to a university style conference was very useful, because we didn't just learn more about the novel, but it gave us a useful insight to what university style education is like."

"There were points made that I hadn't considered, which I would most definitely use in the exam."

"It gave me a lot to think about and many good notes to study and revise from."

Miss Fairbairn & Ms Hanington

Culture Club

On Wednesday 1st April Ms Hanington and Ms Stoddard will be taking a group of 6th formers to a play by Nobel prize-winning Nigerian writer, Wole Soyinka. *Death and the King's Horseman*, which illustrates the conflict between Yoruba customs and British rule in 1940s Nigeria, should be a vibrant and powerful experience - please contact the English Department if you would like a ticket.

Ms Stoddard

Peer Mentors

For many years Bexley Grammar School has run a successful Peer Mentoring service which is highly valued and has recently received positive feedback by OFSTED. If you would like to apply for the role of a Peer Mentor then please write a letter to Mrs Haslam, Senco telling her a little about yourself and giving reasons why you think that you would make a good Peer Mentor. There are 16 places available and applications should be handed in no later than Monday 16th March. Applicants will then be interviewed by the current Peer Mentors in Year 13 who will then play a major role in selecting the new cohort.

Successful applicants will attend an intensive day's training course at The Barnehurst Golf Club on Tuesday 21st April facilitated by Mr Johnson, Mrs Haslam and me. Please make sure you are available on this day BEFORE applying.

This comment came from a previous Peer Mentor which I think sums up just what you can get out of this opportunity:

'Out of all the roles I've had in the school, I feel that this has been the most fulfilling and I have gained skills that I am sure I will use and develop through life.'

All the best!

Mrs Prescott – School Counsellor

Science News

Triple Science Learning Visit

On 24th February 2009, the Science Department delivered a day of CPD for Science leaders and teachers from local secondary schools, as part of the National Triple Science Support Strategy. We were one of only 20 Science Colleges nationally chosen to deliver a Triple Science Learning Visit. The day provided delegates with information on curriculum planning, successful pedagogy, e-learning, enrichment and raising achievement, all in the context of Triple Science. During the day delegates observed a live lesson, interviewed a Science Prefect and worked with many members of the Science Department to investigate successful practice. The day was attended by delegates from 23 local secondary schools from a number of local authorities. The feedback from the day has been very positive and we are planning to host a follow up session next term.

Mrs Ellis

National Science and Engineering Week

9th March to 13th March is National Science and Engineering Week. To celebrate this on March 10th Year 11, 12 and 13 scientists are invited to a lecture from an outside speaker from St Marys College on The large Hadron Collider in the Sixth Form Centre after school.

On 12th March Period 1 the Year 7 and 8 students Science and Engineering Club will be doing a "Show on sound" to a Year 6 audience at Danson Primary.

As a finale there will be a special competition for Year 7 and 8 students on 'Launching' after school on Thursday 12th March 3:15-4:10. All Year 7 and 8 are invited!

Mr Calladine

Christian Union

On Thursday (12th March) the Christian Union will be looking at Luke Chapters 22-24, the trial and execution of Jesus, as part of this month's bible study leading up to Easter. Everyone is more than welcome to attend – 3:15 until 4pm in L4.

M Harris

Charity News

Charities have been well supported as usual and last term we organised several events for Children In Need on Friday 17th November, raising over £1700. This included stilt walking by Mr Harris and Mr Baker disguised in a large fox outfit which he wore all day. Teacher Karaoke proved a big hit with several good sports singing to a delighted audience.

Our latest project has been to raise money for Breast Cancer Research. Members of the School Council organised the sale of pins, badges and red roses. Pink Day on Friday 13th February was linked to a Valentine's Day theme as in previous years and there was a really nice atmosphere in school. Sharon Woodall kindly made a large pink cake for us to sell and members of the Food Tech classes made strawberry milk shakes. Money raised from the wearing of non-uniform was £1445. BGS students are always very generous when it comes to raising money and they took part in many sponsored events to push up the final totals. Our last big charity event will be Red Nose Day on 13th March.