



Festival of Chemistry

The trip to the Salter's Festival of Chemistry at Queen Mary College in London was overall a rather interesting experience. The day comprised of two main activities and a lecture from one of the practising Chemistry teachers at the college. The first activity of the day was a forensic challenge. We were given instructions to find the killer of a victim after being given accounts of what the main suspects were doing around the time of the crime. We had to separate chemically and then test all the salts found on "the body of the victim" and relate them back to the salts that the main suspects would have worked with. We then had to come up with a verdict on who we believed was the killer.

The second activity involved using a universal indicator, an acid and an alkali to form the colours of the pH scale and then putting them into vials to be judged. After this activity we were shown many fascinating chemistry experiments which really helped me personally, to soften my stereotypical view on chemistry as a boring, useless subject. These included making 'glow in the dark liquids', burning French bread, and numerous explosions. I will treasure the experience, as it was not at all as bad as I had initially anticipated.

Deborah Ayoade 8CAS

Work Experience

Year 10 students and parents are reminded that they should be securing a work experience placement this term for the work experience period this autumn when they are Year 11. This is a vital and compulsory part of their time at Bexley Grammar and should be provisionally sorted by half term at the latest. Any queries please contact Mrs Longman. Mr Crawford

Year 10 ~ Exam

Just a reminder that next Tuesday 12th May is the External GCSE RS exam for the whole of Year 10.

Mr Crawford

Year 12 ~ Exams

Study leave for Year 12 begins Monday 11th May. May I take this opportunity to wish you good luck in the AS module exams.

Mrs Mallin

Merits

Congratulations to Sam Stanley, Luke McBride, Ben Gunton and Sarah Gale (7PKS) who have achieved 50 merits. Their names will be added to the draw for an iPod.

Forthcoming Events

Friday 22nd May ~ Year 9 and Year 10 Reports issued

Monday 25th May ~ Half Term for 1 week

Monday 1st June ~ Return to School

Saturday 13th June ~ Sports Day & Summer Fayre

Monday 15th June ~ School closed (except for exams)

Important Dates for Year 11

With the last day approaching before study leave please can I remind Year 11s of some important dates:

Monday 22nd June: Book return at school
(9.30am - 10.30am)

Monday 22nd June: Year 11 Boat Trip
(7.15pm onwards)

Thursday 27th August: Results day!

It will be a non-school uniform day for Year 11 on Monday 11th May and pupils will be dismissed from the final assembly at approximately 12noon.

Once again, can I say a big thank you to all Year 11s for being such a fantastic year group. You will be missed but I look forward to celebrating your results in August.

Mrs Kemp

School Council

Calling all Yr 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 students!!

We will be electing a new School Council committee at half term and would like names of students who would be interested in standing for election. If you are someone who is keen to make a difference and have views about your part in the school and the wider community, please send your name and brief statement as to why you think you are a suitable candidate to wieck_s@bexleygs.co.uk. The closing date is Monday May 11th.

Mrs Wieck

Charity News

The school has been congratulated by the organisers of Children in Need as we are one of the 700 top fundraising schools in the UK also we achieved a gold award from Breast Cancer UK for our contribution to Pink day.

The final amount raised for Red Nose Day was £1623.47. This is yet another fantastic amount of money raised by our school this year for a well deserved charity! Well done to everyone involved.

Mrs S Wieck

Summer Fayre ~ Donation Requests

A few pitches left! We are able to open the opportunity for the first time to parents to run a stall at our forthcoming Summer Fayre alongside the nearly 40 stalls currently being planned by students and staff. Places are extremely limited and we will have to operate on a 'first come first served' basis. Stalls will contribute in some way to the community aims of the Summer Fayre and will raise money for the Parents' Association stated fundraising drive: for outdoor student leisure facilities for break and lunchtimes. If you would like to participate, please email the school at enquiries@bexleygs.co.uk with a brief description of the stall and how it would raise funds for the PA. Mr Elphick

Next year a team of students are going to Ecuador with World Challenge. As part of their fundraising activities they are holding a raffle at this year's Summer Fayre. The team are asking for prize donations, if you are able to help please hand your donation to Mr Clapperton or Mr Rosenthal. Many thanks. Kirstie McLaren IOAMC

The office ladies are again planning to hold a Bottle Tombola at the Summer Fayre and we would be very grateful for any donations of different types of 'bottles' – filled obviously! Our stall was really successful last year and we had lots of fun.

This could include wine and spirits as well as perfume and bath products, re-filled jars of sweets, savoury sauces etc – the possibilities are endless.

If you have anything to donate, the ladies on Reception will be pleased to receive your contribution.

Thank you from us all.

Mrs Kendall

The Attendance Office will be running a second-hand book stall at the Summer fayre and would be grateful for any donations of unwanted books. Any donations should be brought to the Attendance Office. Thank you.

Parents' Association

The PA are appealing to all parents and students to contribute items that might be used in their annual Tombola stall at the Summer Fayre. Anything that might be used as a prize for any stall would also be welcome; the PA endeavours to support all the student-run stalls too. So if your Spring Clean has turned something up – please bring it in to reception as soon as possible.

Thank you.

9SCB would like to ask for any long wooden posts that may be lurking in gardens or cupboards! Old broom handles would be the best! Many thanks

8CJA are looking to smash the record they set for themselves last year and turn even more crockery into tiny pieces on their stall. Any old plates, bowls, mugs, chinaware of any description would be gratefully received for the crockery-smashing stall.

I am keen to source fresh fruit for a smoothie stall OR old-fashioned penny sweets for the sweetie stall. If anyone can help donate some of these items it would be very much appreciated.

Please contact me through the school.

Miss Fairbairn

The Bexley Grammar School Summer Fayre Classic and Custom Show

Please contact Mr T O'Regan by Friday May 29th to guarantee a reserved space for your classic vehicle or club. **There is no entry fee for this show**

020 8304 8538 Ext 322

oregan_t@bexleygs.co.uk

We strongly advise entrants arrive between 9.00am and 10.30am to avoid disappointment.

