



## Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 12th October ~ Parents' Association AGM 7.30pm  
Tuesday 19th October ~ **Early finish at 1.30 pm** due to Open  
Evening for Prospective Year 7 pupils  
**Monday 25th – Friday 29th ~ Half Term**

## Year 11

Well done to all Year 11 students who have worked hard to secure work experience placements – work experience begins in one week's time, on Monday 18th October. Diaries and paperwork giving details of working arrangements will be distributed to students early next week, and all students should then contact their employers to confirm arrangements, if they haven't been in touch with them in recent weeks. Anyone with any queries about their work experience should see Mrs Longman as soon as possible.

## Year 8

We would first like to congratulate all the new Year 8 prefects. The 14 prefects have been chosen by Mrs Kemp and Miss Lynch after making a formal application.

Last Friday was Jeans for Genes day. It was good to see so many of the Year 8s participating and raising money for this event. Jeans for Genes is a great charity raising money for children with genetic disorders.

We also had the form competition for the best 'Harvest Box'; look out for the results next week.

Isobel Richardson and Alex Bronsdon 8HLE

## Sixth Form

### *20th Century Perceptions of Insanity*

The latest Sophists' Society Talk was a great success. Thank you very much to the 55 Sixth Formers who attended the presentation, a very interesting account of the changing perceptions and treatment of mental illness over the last century, given by Dr Huw Lloyd. Don't miss the next talk, on Medical Ethics, to be given by a Law Lecturer from Leicester University: next Thursday (14th), straight after school in the SFC.  
Mr Griffin



## Sixth Form Netball

Last week we took part in the U19 Kent Netball Tournament along with 47 other teams. After a dramatic morning with a switch around of players and a last-minute addition to the team, we set off. We began well with the unanticipated defeat of Colfes School (5-3); unfortunately we were met with a tough opposition for our second match against Tonbridge and lost (3-5). Our next match was against Hayes School which we won (6-2) unfortunately this was followed by a loss to Highworth School (6-11) and then a draw to Invicta (3-3). However we ended on a high with convincing wins for both our last matches; beating Leigh Technology (12-2) and then Rochester School (12-1). Unfortunately 3 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses were not enough to see us through the quarter and semi finals and so the day ended for us. A big thank you to both Mrs Kemp and Mrs Howard for organising us all and for umpiring on the day! Also a big thank you to all the Year 13s for their contribution to school netball over the past 7 years and for whom this was their last tournament. Congratulations go to: Lucy Beaumont, Charlotte Eley, Alex Levey, Hayley Lewis, Charlotte Locke, Rebecca May, Helen Paige, Bryony Snelling and Chloe Pittaway.  
Bryony Snelling Year 12

Congratulations to the U19 Netball team who worked so hard in their final tournament at Bexley Grammar School. They represented the school fantastically and it was a pleasure to take them along. They should be proud of their achievements. Thanks for an excellent day girls!

Mrs Kemp and Mrs Howard

## Year 9 Football

After a very lazy and groggy start to the Kent Cup football match against Welling on Monday the BGS team found themselves 2-0 down in 23 minutes! However, after some stiff words of encouragement by a completely impartial referee BGS started to play and inside the last 5 minutes managed to put away 4 goals going in to half time 4-2 up. The second half was no less of a goal fest with the final score ending up 7-4 to BGS. A big well done to all the lads especially Marco Faratro and Michael Allen. Mr Skinner

## A Midautumn Day's workshop

On Tuesday the cast of A Midsummer Night's Dream travelled to the Unicorn Theatre to perform an extract of the play and work with directors from The National Youth Theatre. There was an exciting series of exercises based on character, team work and voice, which the cast not only learned a lot from, but threw themselves into enthusiastically.

They performed the first 10 minutes of the play for the professional directors who were overwhelmed by how talented the cast all were and how entertaining the performance was. One commented: "This is the most polished piece I have ever seen at this stage of the process". They also gave very useful feedback to the cast to help with their acting skills and self confidence.

After last year's extremely successful Macbeth (which is featured on all the advertising material for this year's festival) the pupils and I feel that this year's production could be even better with the added help this year from Miss Palmer (a valued co-director) and the continuing support from Miss Woodcock and Mrs Mitten. If you want to attend the performance, it will be at the Unicorn Theatre on 9th November, tickets available by calling 020 7645 0560.

Mr Otley and the Drama staff



## Clubs

**Book Club** ~ Calling all Year 8 and 9s!

Next fortnight's book club book will be Julia Donaldson's **Running on the cracks**.

Come along to G10 on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October at lunchtime to discuss this exciting novel!

If you need a lunch pass come and see Miss Woodcock.

**Culture Club** ~ Thank you to Diana Matthews for choosing our most recent Culture Club venture, a circus performance from Canadian group The Seven Fingers: it was funny, athletic, elegant – and amazing! Watch out for two more amazing events in November: "Fela", an African music and dance experience, and Mozart's great opera "Don Giovanni" – ask the English Department for letters.

Ms Stoddard and Ms Hanington

**Christian Union** ~ Tuesday break time prayer space in M20 from 10:40-10:50 and Thursday (14<sup>th</sup>) after school in M21 will be our social evening. All students and staff are welcome to attend.

Mr Harris

## Notices

**Summer Reading Challenge** ~ This is the last call for any reading logs or reading challenges Year 8 or 9 completed over the Summer Holiday! Please hand in your entries to Miss Woodcock or Mrs McAllister by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October to get your merits.

Special mention must go to Matt Ward (8PEB) and Christopher Mills (8LRB) for their wonderful work and Lynda Walker who read 25 books over the Summer holidays.

Well done! Miss Woodcock and Mrs McAllister

**Meal Deal** ~ Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> October will be Spaghetti Bolognese for 1p instead of £1.60. Canteen

## Morrison's Let's Grow 2010

Following the success of the previous two years we will again be collecting Morrison's Let's Grow vouchers. So far we have received gardening forks, trowels, a potato barrel and bags of compost amongst other things. Your continued support will be greatly appreciated so that we can obtain more items for the school. There is a collecting box at the bottom of the stairs in the foyer.

Thank you  
Pat Hamilton Science dept.

