

STUDENT KEY INFORMATION



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Year 7 Pastoral Team

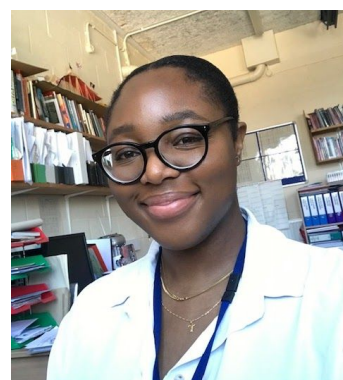
Mr Martin

I am your Director of Studies (DoS). A Director of Studies' job is to look after and overview the whole year group. I will work closely with the Senior Academic Mentor (SAM), Miss Fuwa, and all of the form tutors to ensure that the year group is safe and is working hard. I also teach History, my favourite period of study is World War One, and coach a school football team.



Miss Fuwa

Hello, I'm Miss Fuwa and your SAM. In my role, some of the things I do is making sure that you are on time to school and supporting you in making and reaching your targets in school. Like Mr Martin, I am also a History teacher and love teaching about African civilisations (you'll learn this in Year 8), which also happens to be one of my favourite parts of History. Looking forward to meeting you all soon!



Miss Bellingham

Hello, I'm Miss Bellingham. I teach Science to Year 7s and 8s and mainly Physics to the upper years. I am originally from Canada but have been living in the UK for the past 6 years. My favourite part about teaching at BGS is the vast amount of different clubs and sports you can join and how involved you can get in our House System. I'm looking forward to meeting you all in September!



Mr Husbands

Hello! My name is Mr Husbands and I teach English and Film. Of course I enjoy reading, but my favourite thing about teaching at Bexley Grammar school is the sheer variety of different things we get to explore in English lessons. Whether it is reading poetry and prose, or performing plays and practising speeches, we are always studying something new. You are going to soon learn that studying English at secondary school is less about literacy and more about literature and I can guarantee you are going to love it.



Ms Lusted

Hello, I am Ms Lusted and I teach science. If you are in my form you are joining Collins House. Our house colour is red and we are the best house (well I think so anyway)!! My favourite things about Bexley Grammar School are all the amazing music shows and drama productions that the students put on. There are lots of opportunities to do different things outside lessons and I wish my school had been more like that. I look forward to meeting you all in September.



Mr Powell

Hello and welcome Year 7's. I am Mr Powell and teach Computer Science and part of Johnson House. I really enjoy teaching Key Stage 3 computer science, due to all the fun and exciting topics involved. My favourite thing about BGS is the variety of clubs on offer, also the house system and the camaraderie of all years coming together in a healthy and friendly competition. Looking forward to meeting you all and helping Johnson rise to the top again.



Mrs Rubbera

I'm Mrs Rubbera and I teach French and Italian. I'm also the Lead Teacher for Key Stage 3 languages which means I look after Year 7-9. I love learning new languages and I also speak some Spanish and a bit of Bulgarian. Maybe you can teach me something new? One of my favourite things to do is travel so I can't wait to get back on a plane. Looking forward to learning all about you.



Mrs Williamson

Hi Soon-to-be Year 7's

I'm Mrs Williamson and I'm in the Design Technology Department. You may see me for Foods, Resistant Materials or Computer Aided Design. We get to do exciting projects and our DT after-school Club produces pretty cool products too! If you're in my Form Class, you will be in Kirkman House and our colour is Yellow. Go Kirkman! I'm looking forward to meeting you all!



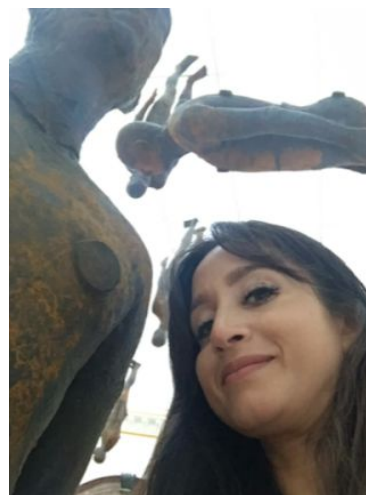
Mr Villazon

I teach Computer Science and also run the after-school Robotics Club. I love building robots and gadgets but I'm also looking forward to teaching you all to code. This is important so that we can outwit the robots when they eventually rise up and try to take over!



Mrs Smith

Hello! I'm Mrs Smith, I have been teaching Art and Textiles at Bexley Grammar for over 15 years and think it is a wonderful school! I enjoy visiting exhibitions and creating my own artwork during my free time. The Art department has planned some very exciting projects for you to explore new techniques and create your very own masterpieces. I look forward to meeting you all!



SEND Department

Hello my name is Mrs Haslam and I am in charge of the SEND department. It is a small department of just eight staff. Two of the staff members in my department are the school counsellors, Mrs Jones and Mr Cowlard.

Bexley Grammar School has a very diverse community and there are many pupils with various needs, for example, autism, hearing and visual impaired, dyslexic, physically impaired those with different kinds of medical needs and those who just need a little extra help occasionally.

My job in the school is to make sure that everyone gets help if they need it. You will often see my department in classrooms assisting pupils. Sometimes we help teachers and take lessons too. You never know when you might need a bit of extra help or support to help you achieve as well as we know you can.



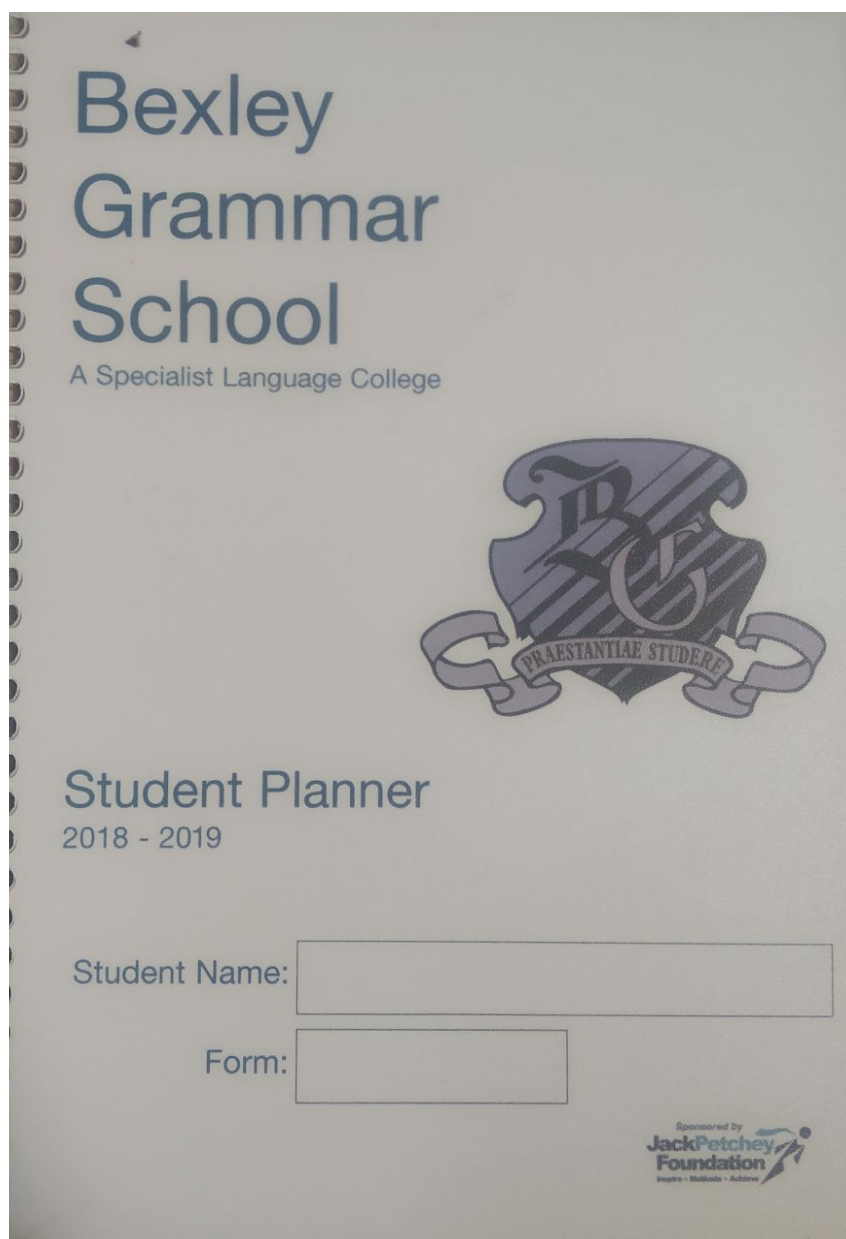
At Bexley Grammar School we think of ourselves as a family and we look out for each other so when we see our classmates and peers struggling then we encourage you all to step up and help. There is always someone to talk to at Bexley Grammar School and the SEND department is always there to support and help.

Planner and Timetable

This is your student planner and it is the most important thing you need to help you organise yourself as a secondary school student. You will receive your planner on your first day in September.

A few key things to remember about your planner:

1. Bring it with you every day and have it out for every lesson
2. Record all of your homework in there
3. Get it signed by your parent(s)/guardian(s) each week so they can help you stay organised



What is a planner? And how do you use it?

A planner is used for many things - when you first arrive at school, you will be given a planner. Your name, form, and form room go on the front, so you can remember. Your teachers will give you two sheets to stick in at the back - one will be the timetable you will stick to for the rest of the year, and the other one will be a map of the school, so you can find your way if you get lost, but don't worry, the route to all of your classes will become very easy to remember.

In your planner, there are also a set of pages that you will mark any homework that you get over the course of the week down in. (Pages 41 - 119.) This is important, because you need to remember what you have to do for the homework, which class it is for, and when it is due. You will use these pages for the rest of the school year until Year 8, where you will probably get a new planner.

Close to the beginning, there are a set of yellow pages (Pages 27 - 33.) with lots of small, empty boxes that your teachers will fill in once special conditions are met. They are known as your merit pages. Merits are good. Your teachers will give you merits if you have done something outstanding. This might be saying something fluently without any mistakes in your language class, or answering a hard question including your own opinion or facts, or it might be something as simple as turning up to any clubs you have at lunchtime.

Your homework page, or your Weekly Diary as it is called, has a large box underneath. Teachers, whether you study under them or not, can write anything in there for your form tutor or your parents to look at. Or it might be something your parents write for your teacher to see, like any dentist appointments. Underneath that box, there are three lines. One will be labeled as 'Student signature' which you will need to sign, another saying 'Parent signature' which your parents need to sign, so your teachers know that they have seen any comments in the box above, and finally, 'Tutor signature'. It is important that you and your parents sign your planner every Saturday, after the week has passed. It is VERY important.

Your planner will also tell you what time everything is, who to speak to if you need advice or help, when the half terms are, and the school rules and regulations. It is valid that you take your planner wherever you go in school, and that you bring it in every day. It really helps you. Read your planner to get acquainted with everything inside!

Nicole Parboo 7MCA

Within your planner, you will have a copy of your timetable to tell you what lessons you have on each day. Pack your bag the night before with the books and equipment you need the following day.

	AMon	ATue	AWed	AThu	AFri	BMon	BTue	BWed	BThu	BFri
1	French MGCL2	English NEA M3;	Phys Ed AJS	Geograph NET M1;	History TAM J21	French MGCL2	Drama HJO J16	Phys Ed AJS	Geograph NET M1;	History TAM J21
2	D & T AJWH4	Science MGNM7	Science CHVM1;	French MGCL2	Latin RPP M3;	D & T AJWH4	Science MGNM7	Science CHVM1;	French MGCL2	Latin RPP M3;
AM	Acad Mo MEN J10	Acad Mo MEN J10	House ME J10	Acad Mo MEN J10	Acad Mo MEN J10	Acad Mo MEN J10	Acad Mo MEN J10	House ME J10	Acad Mo MEN J10	Acad Mo MEN J10
3	FBC LC M2;	Drama HJO K10	English NEA M3;	Maths MGLG4	Geograph NET LRC	FBC LC M2;	English AJS LRC	English NEA M3;	Maths MGLG4	Geograph NET M1;
4	History TAM J21	Phys Ed AJS	French MGCL2	English NEA M3;	Science MGNM7	History TAM J21	Phys Ed AJS	French MGCL2	English NEA M3;	Science MGNM7
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6	English NEA M3;	Maths MGLG4	Compute KJP H12	Music ECGMU	French MGCL2	English NEA M3;	Maths MGLG4	Compute KJP H12	Music ECGMU	French MGCL2
7	Science CHVM1;	Music ECGHall	Maths MGLG4	Maths MGLG4	Art RSHH6	Science CHVM1;	Art RSHH6	Maths MGLG4	Phys Ed CLH M3;	Art RSHH6

There are 7 periods (1 for lunch!) in a school day (each are 50 minutes long), plus an Academic Monitoring (AM), which is with your Form Tutor. Bexley Grammar School has a 2 week timetable (Week A and Week B), and sometimes there are differences in what lessons are scheduled? Can you see any here?

So, what does it all mean?

History
TAM J21

The top line is the subject you will have during this lesson (In this example, History - Monday Week A and B P4 and Friday Week A and B P1). The 2 or 3 letters below the subject is the teacher code (in this instance it's me, TAM - Mr Martin!) and the letter and number is your room number (J21).

Important rules

These are a brief overview of some of the most important school rules. Please note, that these are not all of the school rules; these will be detailed in your planner.

Uniform

Uniform rules are detailed in the planner. But, 4 key things to remember:

1. No trainers or sport branded shoes
2. No jewelry
3. Shirts tucked in
4. Blazers on around school

Planner

Always have your planner with you every day and make sure you record your homework in it.

Attendance and Punctuality

The school day starts with Registration in your form room at 08:30. You should be sitting in your seat when the bell goes, ready to be registered by your form tutor. Registration finishes at 08:35.

If you are later to school than 08:35, you need to sign in with Mrs Jeffery in the Canteen and then go straight to your lesson. It is vitally important that you are on time to school, otherwise you will miss valuable learning time.

If you are not well, your parent(s)/guardian(s) need to contact Mrs Jeffery to explain why.

Mobile Phone

You are allowed to bring your mobile phone to school. However, between 08:30 and 15:05, your phone should be switched off and in your bag or blazer pocket. This includes break and lunchtime.

PE Kit

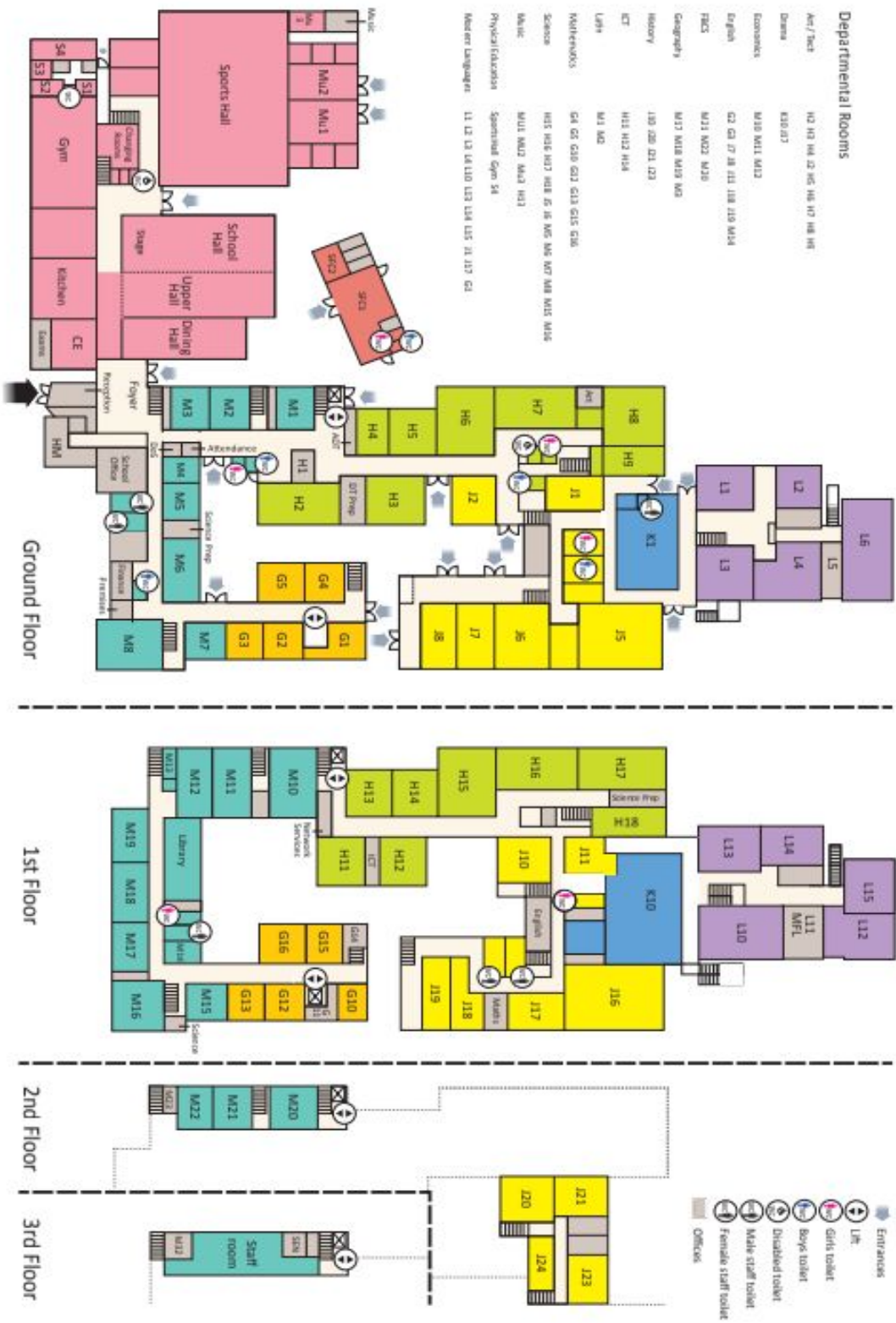
PE uniform rules are detailed in the planner. Ensure you have the correct PE Kit for your PE lessons and make sure you change back into your proper school uniform having exercised during PE.

Canteen

The canteen serves hot and cold food for you to eat at Break and Lunch. All food purchased in the canteen must be eaten at one of the table areas inside the canteen.

Above all, be respectful and tolerant of all within the school community.

Map



House

There are 6 Houses at Bexley Grammar School, all named after prominent teachers at BGS. They are; Collins (Red), Wellman (Orange), Kirkman (Yellow), Prothero (Green), Johnson (Blue) and Mabbs (Purple). The House competition runs annually from the beginning of the Summer Term until the end of the Spring Term, and involves some 35 or so activities at Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels. The forms in every year group (up to year 11) are each assigned to a House, the pupils in the Sixth Form maintain their House membership but are spread across several forms. Form tutors belong to the same House as their form and where possible maintain that House allegiance throughout their time at Bexley Grammar.

School badges are colour-coded to show each pupil's House, and each House has a member of staff who acts as the Head of House as well as seven selected 6th form House Captains (two senior house captains and five house captains) who are assigned by House, one to each form group. The House system promotes inclusion and community throughout the school as many events take place in mixed age and gender teams/groups. It also allows students to gain experience in leadership and healthy competition. Most importantly the students find the House system immensely fun and rewarding!

Competitions include:

- Sport - netball, basketball, badminton, tennis, table tennis, football, sports day
- The Arts - Music and Dance, Drama, photography
- Other: bridge, chess, quiz, planter cookery, harvest box, STEM
- And some curricular competitions too.

Wednesday's academic monitoring slot is dedicated to 'House' time, either as a House assembly, led by the Head of House, or in House Forms. For year 12 & 13 each House has two dedicated House Forms per year. It gives students and staff an opportunity to sort teams, give advance notice of events, hold mini inter-House competitions and to have time dedicated to House activities every fortnight. Each form will be expected to lead a House Assembly once per year.

In the Hall, there is an Honour Board which gives the House Winners since the competition's inception – the current champions are Kirkman, there are some House Honours boards outside K1 listing the names of Senior House Captains since 2012.

The overall House Co-ordinator is Mrs J Snelling.

<u>House</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Head of House</u>
Collins	Red	Miss N Thurlow
Johnson	Blue	Mr C Asker
Kirkman	Yellow	Miss A Fisher
Prothero	Green	Mr A Sethi
Mabbs	Purple	Miss K Gabriel
Wellman	Orange	Mr D Ward

Extra-Curricular Activities

What clubs are available? Which did you join? Tell us more about those clubs.

Alongside school, there is a wide variety of clubs available. Everybody can choose one to their taste. I attended Netball, Geography, History and Book Clubs, all of which were equally interesting and enjoyable.

In Netball club, we played my favourite sport, netball and had an opportunity to take part in school fixtures and competitions with other local schools. In Geography club, we were making a paper-mache globe, which was both quite relaxing and educational. I really enjoyed the friendly atmosphere in History club, as well as in Book club. If you like reading, I highly recommend the Book club, where you will be able to read and discuss exciting books. We read graphic novels and my favourite one became “Witch Hat Atelier” by Kamome Shorahama, which was a discovery for me, because I wasn’t interested in graphic novels before.

Anna Tyukova 7MGG

I am not the most sporty of people nor am I the most musical either. That meant I thought that there would be no clubs for me. But I found some that worked for me. I tried Archery club at the start but I wasn’t a huge fan of it so I stopped. I joined the Lego club as I enjoy making interesting creations out of Lego. I also joined the Scratch Coding club with my friend and that is fun to do. I even joined the Science club which is so much fun and the experiments are always different. There is a club for everyone at Bexley Grammar from archery to cooking.

Luke Howard 7MEM

What have you found most interesting about Bexley Grammar School?

What I found most interesting about Bexley Grammar is the variety of subjects and extra-curricular clubs that we can go to. At Bexley Grammar, we have the chance to learn food technology (food-tech) in DT, and we also can learn how to use the laser printer, and even the 3D printer (in DT club as well)! Another extra-curricular subject I find interesting is drama, as we have a theatre where we can control the lights to match the production that we occasionally will get to watch, which are incredible.

Celine Pan 7MEM

It is important to be widely involved in the whole school community. A good way to do this (and to make new friends!) is to attend one of the many clubs that are on offer. It is important that every student tries out at least 3 extra-curricular clubs in the first term of Year 7. Below is a list of clubs currently available to Year 7, but this may change over the year.

Games Club	Cricket
Junior Orchestra (Beginners to Grade 4)	Table Tennis Club
Junior Jazz (Beginners to Grade 4)	Girls Cricket
Junior Choir (All standards)	Archery
Big Band (Grade 4+)	Athletics
Symphony Orchestra (Grade 4+)	Tennis
Rock School	Science Club
Art Enrichment	Passport to the World: Geography Club
Girls Football	KS3 Drama
Rugby	Drama school show workshops
Badminton	Book club
Football	Creative Writing Club
Netball	Chinese club
Boys Basketball	Japanese club
Girls Basketball	Latin/Classics Club
Athletics	Horrible Histories Club
Running Club	Electronics Club
Cheerleading	Green Team
Salsa Club	Lego Club
Girls Rounders	

Physical Education

PE is very important to students at Bexley Grammar School. We have a busy department and we want everyone to take a full part and enjoy themselves. Our department has a statement which summarises what we hope to provide you with:


"Fully inclusive, enjoyable and intelligent Physical Education that achieves each student's physical potential, whilst developing self-confidence, sportsmanship and academic success"

It sounds like a big claim - but that's what we think PE and sport can do for you. There's a reason that "fully-inclusive" is the first thing in our statement. It's central to how we view PE and sport - although we have some fantastic athletes at school, we don't view anyone as "sporty" or "non-sporty". We are really confident that we can find PE that you will enjoy, even if you haven't enjoyed it before.

As well as our PE lessons, we have loads of sports teams and practices which are open to everyone, regardless of experience. Your form tutor will give you a full timetable of events and practices. We have fixtures all year round against local schools in a large variety of sports, including rugby, netball, football, basketball, rounders, cricket and athletics.

Below is an activity you can try with your family - it's part of the multi-skills work that we complete in our first term. We do these because they work on all of the fundamental aspects of physical performance - Agility, Balance and Coordination. Can you see how this activity tests each of those?

12. Agility – Reaction/Response



(Catching tennis ball dropped from shoulder height off 1 bounce)

EQUIPMENT
 2 tennis balls

GREEN CHALLENGES

Complete the following tasks with your partner standing in front of you with their arms stretched out to the side at shoulder height and a tennis ball in each hand.

1. From 1m away, can you react quickly and catch the ball dropped by your partner after 1 bounce?
2. Can you do the same task, this time standing 2m away from your partner?
3. Now try from 3m away from your partner.

The most important aspect is for you to take part with a positive attitude, always have your kit (even if you're injured, we can get you involved), and be prepared to try new sports and activities.

We can't wait to see you in September.

Mr Lines & the PE department.

Extra-curricular Music 2020-21

Just turn up for ensembles with your instrument on the correct day!

KS3 Ensembles	After-School Ensembles	Advanced Ensembles
<p>All members of Lunchtime Ensembles will receive a Lunch Pass which enables them to skip the Canteen queue on the day of their rehearsal. Eat quickly and be there by 12.55pm!</p> <p>Junior Jazz Monday P5 - Mu1 Wind, brass, rhythm section (piano, guitar, bass and drums); Grade 1+</p> <p>KS3 Orchestra Wednesday P5 - Mu1 Wind, brass, percussion, keyboard, guitarists and string players all welcome! Years 7-9, Beginners +</p> <p>Junior Choir Tuesday P5 - Mu1 Open to ALL singers in Y7-9; sing songs in 2 and 3 parts in a wide variety of musical styles. Perform in public in a variety of locations!</p> <p>Rock School - Mu1 Friday 3.10 - 4pm Open to all years: Guitarists, keyboardists, drummers, vocalists who want to form a band/ play pop/ rock songs. <u>By invitation only</u></p>	<p>Senior Choir Monday 3.10 - 4.10pm in Mu1 ALL in Y9-13 welcome to sing in a variety of styles in 3-4 parts. We will be competing in the Jack Petchey Sing Out! Competition this year, so lots to look forward to!</p> <p>Big Band Tuesday 3.10 - 4.15pm in Mu1 Saxes, brass, rhythm section; grade 4+</p> <p>Bexley Grammar Synfonia Wednesday 3.10 - 4.15pm in Mu1 Wind, brass, strings, percussion incl. Piano; <u>Grade 4 upwards</u></p> <p>String Orchestra Thursday 3.10 - 4pm in Mu1 For string players of all levels (violin, viola, cello, bass)</p>	<p>Clarinet Ensemble Monday Ac Mon, MU2 Led by our clarinet teacher for those G5+; <u>By invitation only</u></p> <p>Samba Group Monday Ac Mon, MU1 Led by our drum teacher; <u>By invitation only</u></p> <p>Brass Ensemble Wednesday Ac Mon, MU1 Led by our brass teacher for all Brass players</p> <p>Chamber Choir (in Mu1) Thursday Ac Mon Small, advanced choral ensemble for Y11-13. <u>Audition only</u></p> <p>Show Band mu1 Accompanies the annual school production in July; Grade 6+ <u>By invitation / audition only: (to be announced from January)</u></p> <p>Improv group mu1 Tuesday after Big Band Saxes, brass, rhythm section. <u>By invitation only</u></p>

