



1918 - 2018 We Will Remember Them

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is honoured every year to commemorate those lost in both World Wars. It marks the day when World War One ended at 11am 11/11/1918. Every year at this time, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month the nation bands together in order to hold a two minute silence. This two minute silence is symbolic of paying our respect to those involved in the War. There is also Remembrance Sunday every year, which falls on the second Sunday in November. Poppies are also worn by the general public to show support for the present day soldiers and to pay respect to the past. Both World Wars have had a significant role in writing our country's history and adding to our culture at the present day.

Some of the most successful and well known British poets emerged during WW1 and WW2 both men and women. Poets such as Wilfred Owen (who died a week before the



Armistice), John McRae, Ivor Gurney are just a few of the plethora of poets who told their stories through stanzas to live on for generations to come. A quarter of poems published during World War One were by women compared to a fifth written by soldiers. Their poetry reveals how women participated during the war - working and debating, suffering and sacrificing, depicting equal viewpoints of the war, to show that there was indeed loss and heartache for everyone.



Commemorating this recognition for those lost and sacrificed in the World Wars is indeed sacred to all countries who were affected by the war as it ensures that those honourable soldiers are never consigned to oblivion and that the bleak period of the war is never forgotten and thereby repeated. Many soldiers who laid down their life for their nation were simple men with no skill in combat and no real knowledge on how to survive in harsh conditions. Regular people. Young men. To quote A. E. Housman, in, "Here, dead we lie": "Life to be sure, is nothing much to lose, but young men think it is, And we were young." Their service to the country shall not be relics of a bygone age.

Joanna Marchong, Year 12



Exam News

Important information for all GCSE students

The awarding bodies have designated Wednesday 26th June 2019 as a 'contingency day' for examinations.

The designation of a 'contingency day' within the common examination timetable is in the event of national or local disruption to examinations. It is part of the awarding bodies' standard contingency planning for examinations. **Therefore all GCSE candidates must remain available until Wednesday 26th June 2019 should an awarding body need to invoke its contingency plan.**

Mrs Bono, Examinations Officer

Year 11 Work Experience

Monday 15th October - Friday 19th October 2018

Miss Aspill and I are extremely proud to report back on what amazing jobs the Year 11 pupils did on their work experience placements. After many employers were keen to keep hold of them, we were pleased to see all the pupils return to Bexley Grammar School for the next phase of their GCSE studies.



The feedback from employers has been incredibly positive about the Year 11 pupils with many commending them for their punctuality, smartness, politeness and general work ethic. Pupils were praised for their maturity with employers shocked at their ages and ability to use their own initiative and adapt to the demands of the working environment. Employers have been quick to express their desire to have Bexley Grammar School pupils working with them in the future.

Placements were diverse and ranged from local primary schools to King's College Hospital to Sahara Force India Racing Team. Pupils will be using their completed work experience diaries at the next Power Day in November to further discuss the opportunity each pupil had, as well as the skills developed whilst on their placements.

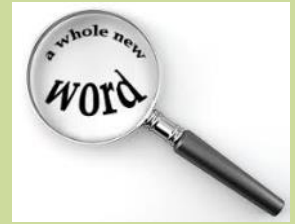
My thanks go out to all parents for their support, especially to those who assisted their son/daughter in finding a placement through the use of their own employers, family and friends. I would also like to thank Bexley Grammar School staff, specifically Mrs Aspill and Ms Caley-Gardiner. This opportunity would not be possible without their dedication and hard work in assisting the pupils as they initially apply for placements, then liaising with parents and employers to ensure that all the necessary paperwork is in place prior to the placement starting.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the pupils themselves who proved such a credit to Bexley Grammar School. I am sure that the experience was beneficial and they have taken a lot from their first opportunity to demonstrate the wealth of talent they have to offer employers.

Mr Skinner
Director of Studies, Year 11

A whole new word ~ Year 10

Week 9



Biology
Business
Chemistry
Classics
Computer Science
Drama
Economics
English
History
Maths
MFL
Music
Physics
P.E.

Transect
Stakeholder
Electrotherapy
Auxiliary
Hyperlink
Epic Theatre
Elasticity
Elusive
Anaesthetic
Expression
Enunciation
Fanfare
Parabola
Macrocycle

Year 8 News

Just a couple of notices for this half term and upcoming events. The autumn term reports are currently being completed by staff and should be given to students to bring home on Wednesday 13th November. Please would parents/guardians complete the reply slip to confirm they have received this report. The KS3 Diploma continues this term with the departmental tasks being set by the FBCS and Maths departments. The latter is a compulsory task and will contribute to your overall Diploma grade at the end of Year 8. Please remember to try hard with these tasks and be punctual with deadlines. Finally, a date for your diary, Year 8 Parents' Evening will be on Tuesday 12th March 2019.

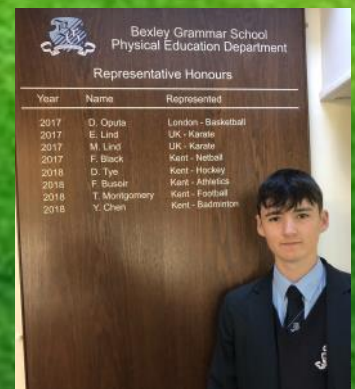
Thank you,

Mrs Boulden and Mr Risdon

PE News

Our latest sporting superstars have been immortalised on our representative honours board. Well done to Yingfei, Tom, Fuad and Dan. We're sure others will be inspired to follow in your footsteps.

Mr Lines, Head of PE



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Year	Name	Represented
2017	D. Opute	London - Basketball
2017	E. Lind	UK - Karate
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Millennium Club Winners

Sept 18 - 1st Prize - 74 - Debbie Jenkins
 2nd Prize - 89 - Vicky Ragg
 Oct 18 - 1st Prize - 59 - Maria Borelli
 2nd Prize - 25 - Clare Maclean

Upcoming Events:

PA Meeting - Wednesday 14th November 7.30pm
 Christmas Market - Saturday 1st December 11am - 3pm



Any students interested in Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Biological Sciences. Suitable for all students from secondary age and above. It is a free evening event on Wednesday 28th November. Click on the link [here](#) for further information.

*Ms Lusted
 Science Department*



Year 7 Gorilla Performance by Future DJs

Year 7s were treated to a performance in assembly by Future DJs, a music teaching organisation who specialise in delivering lessons on DJs and Decks. The students were wowed by the performance by our two DJs, who are active 'in the field'. Two lucky students were also invited to come up to the stage to participate, raising the roof with their new beats.



DJing is becoming ever more popular as a performance option for GCSE music, which counts for 30% of the overall course. Not only that, but learning to DJ also contains valuable lessons into how to build up music to raise tension through performance and composition, but also instils within students the values of patience, perseverance and practice.

We are delighted to offer DJ Music lessons at Bexley Grammar School - if you are interested, get in touch with me (goddard_e@bexleygs.co.uk).

Mrs Goddard, Head of Music



News items you may have missed

BGS LEGO CLUB

Do you have any unwanted Lego? If the answer is yes, please consider donating it to the BGS Lego Club. Year 7 students are setting up a brand new club. Any contributions will be gratefully received and can be left at Reception for the attention of Miss Scott.

Thank you in anticipation.

The Lego Club

I must clear out my old toys before Christmas!



Forthcoming Events

November

Friday 9th ~ Remembrance Day

Wednesday 14th ~ PA Meeting 7.30pm



Tuesday 20th ~ **Sixth Form Open Evening for internal students only 5.30pm - 8pm**

Monday 26th ~ Power Day 2

December

Saturday 1st ~ Christmas Market 11am - 3pm



Friday 21st ~ Last school day before the Christmas Holiday