



**BEXLEY
GRAMMAR
SCHOOL**

NEWSLETTER

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10th January 2019

**Happy 2019
to all our
readers**



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Greetings to you, lucky finder of this **Golden Ticket**, from Mr Willy Wonka! I shake you warmly by the hand! Tremendous things are in store for you! Many wonderful surprises await you! Bexley Grammar School presents its annual school play, an adaptation of Roald Dahl's beloved classic **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** by Richard George.

The play is brought to life using the pure imagination of our wonderful cast from all Year groups, 7 to 13. Over 200 pupils auditioned for this show, so this really is the Whipple-Scrumptious Fudgemallow Cream of the crop!

The show will also feature:

A Live Band! Epic Storytelling! Lighting, designed and operated by students!

Projected backdrops! Sound, designed and operated by students...

And of course, wonderful chocolatey and other sweet treats, as well as tea and coffee during the interval.

There will be a bar selling alcohol on Wednesday.

The show promises to be fun for everyone - Child, Adult, Grandparent or *Oompa Loompa*.

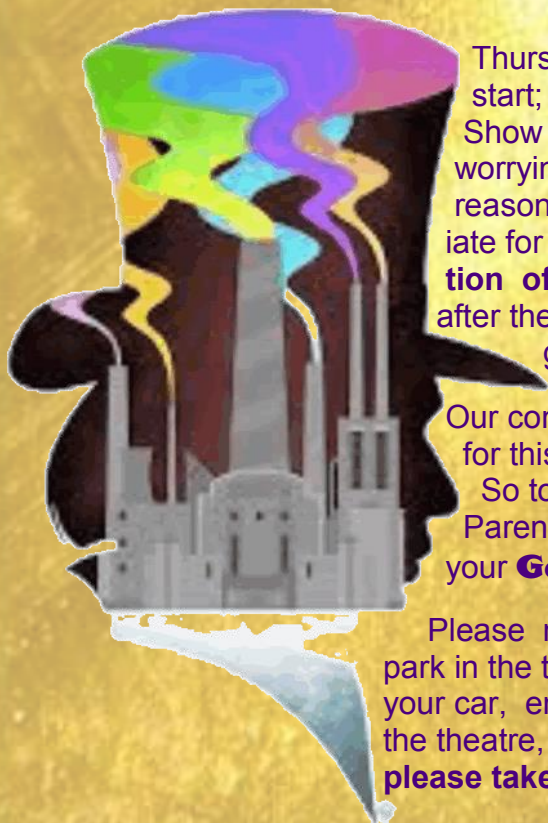
Performances will all take place in The Theatre (K10) on:

Wednesday 6th February, 7pm

Thursday 7th February, 5pm (relaxed performance)

Friday 8th February, 7pm

(with after show celebration of the pupils' work)



Thursday's show will be a **relaxed performance**, with an earlier start; we hope this will allow younger children to come to the Show and feel free to enjoy it without staying up too late or worrying about making a bit of noise during the show (within reason) - we have ensured that the show is completely appropriate for a younger audience. On Friday, there will be a **celebration of the pupils' work**, some speeches and awards given after the show, honouring those leaving the school who have given a great deal to the productions over the years.

Our contract for the show does not allow us to specifically charge for this event and that attendance should be by 'invitation only'.

So to receive an invite, please donate **£7.00** per ticket via Parent Pay. Your e-mail confirmation of this payment will act as your **Golden Ticket**. You can also donate at the door.

Please note the show will take place in the Theatre (K10); please park in the top car park (this will be the only one open), once out of your car, enter the large white building (K block), and follow signs to the theatre, which is on the first floor. **For the Thursday performance, please take extra care parking as the school will still be open.**

Here is the cast list if you want to see a specific actor performing;

Character	Wednesday 6th–7pm	Thursday 7th–5pm Friday 8th–7pm
Storytellers Narrators	Mia Lind Lois Eldred Talya Cilek Daniel Hughes Leyla Cilek Nathan Fielding Kweku Brobbey Aimee Norman Amelia Baulch Busayo Onanaye	Mia Lind Lois Eldred Talya Cilek Daniel Hughes Leyla Cilek Nathan Fielding Kweku Brobbey Aimee Norman Amelia Baulch Busayo Onanaye
Charlie Bucket	Rosie Barnwell	Joe Mutti
Grandpa Joe	Max Dawkins	Alfred Hawkins
Willy Wonka	Jonny Henderson	Katy Jebson
Wonka's PAs	Tommy Brimble Evie Peters	Hannah Monksfield Mya Fewell
Oompa Loompas	Joe Turner Eseose Obhio Zoe Hanscombe Isobel Stanley Taiga Tsuchiya Ifunanya Ayodele Lotte Robinson Alex Innes Alfie Wall Ravi Bhat Holly Kinsella Max Jansen Amber Bhogal Ursule Goraviciute Agshana Jegatheesan Gunit Kaur	Joe Turner Eseose Obhio Zoe Hanscombe Isobel Stanley Taiga Tsuchiya Ifunanya Ayodele Lotte Robinson Alex Innes Alfie Wall Ravi Bhat Holly Kinsella Max Jansen Amber Bhogal Ursule Goraviciute Agshana Jegatheesan Gunit Kaur
Augustus Gloop	Max Armstrong-Moulinie (Wednesday & Thursday, not Friday)	Ben Salter (Friday only)
Mrs Gloop	Nuala Cudmore	Lauren Wakeman
Veruca Salt	Grace Woodhall	Emily Humphrey
Mr Salt	Tom Mortimer	Eleanor Creevy
Mrs Angina Salt	Maia Bourrelly	Kate Leadbetter

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Violet Beauregarde	Anya Scothern	Iarantsoa Ramanoelina
Mrs Beauregarde	Grace Gbadamosi	Zara Karim
Mike Teavee	Abiola Olagunju	Matthew Faulkner
Mr Teavee	George Cook	George Cook
Grandma Josephine	Ben Hughes	Simon Woods
Grandpa George	Alex Dean	Dylan Moody
Grandma Georgina	Miriam Basheer	Daisy Cripps
Mr Bucket	Tim Masters	Ayush Mukherjee
Mrs Bucket	Jemma Chalmers	Jemma Chalmers
Chorus	Nathan Singleton Mollie Arkwright Harry Watts Natsuki Dell Bethany Baker Scarlett Cunningham Megan Lisle	Nathan Singleton Mollie Arkwright Harry Watts Natsuki Dell Bethany Baker Scarlett Cunningham Megan Lisle
Band	Rhys Tonks - Guitar Seb Taljaard-Smith - Bass Mia Chan- Keyboard/Violin Matthew Linane-Drums	Rhys Tonks - Guitar Seb Taljaard-Smith - Bass Mia Chan- Keyboard/Violin Matthew Linane- Drums

Reporting your child absent

Please call the attendance office only. **Please do not leave messages at reception or email teaching staff directly.**

If reporting your child absent you can email:

Mrs Thomas: Sixth Form only – thomas_t@bexleygs.co.uk

Leave message on the student absence line on 020 8304 8538 - select option 1

Leave message on 020 8304 8538 ext. 202

Mrs Jeffery: 7-11 years only - jeffery_j@bexleygs.co.uk

Leave message on the student absence line on 020 8304 8538 - select option 1

Leave message on 020 8304 8538 ext. 203

You can also use these methods for reporting medical appointments and other attendance related issues.

Mrs Jeffery, Attendance Office

Wellbeing Award for Schools

<https://www.awardplace.co.uk/award/was>



As a school community we have just embarked on the process of gaining the Wellbeing Award for Schools, a process that will support us in promoting positive wellbeing and good mental health across the Bexley Grammar School community, during 2019 and beyond.

Developed in partnership with the **National Children's Bureau (NCB)**, the Wellbeing Award for Schools supports a vision of an education system where good emotional wellbeing and mental health are at the heart of the culture and ethos of all schools, so that pupils, with the support of their teachers, can build confidence and flourish. Evidence shows us that wellbeing is of central importance to learning and attainment, with high levels of wellbeing associated with improved academic outcomes. Conversely, pupils who have mental health problems are more likely to have academic difficulties at school and experience social disadvantage later in adult life.

The award is underpinned by four core principles:

1. Emotional wellbeing and mental health are a continuum. Related issues can range from positive attitudes and behaviour, through to experiences of emotional distress and mental disorder.
2. Schools already experience and manage emotional issues on a daily basis; the objective is to minimise the impact of such issues and maximise the effectiveness of any responses.
3. Emotional wellbeing covers a range of dimensions, such as resilience, character building, relationships and self-esteem, etc. Understanding both developmental and mental health awareness is critical.
4. Creating a positive school culture requires a whole-school approach that is led from the top while involving all in the school community.

As a first step we will shortly be sending all parents, students and staff a short online questionnaire. We would be very grateful for your feedback. All responses will be carefully considered and will feed into our Wellbeing Award action planning.

If you have any questions or queries please contact Mrs Ellis
(ellis_v@bexleygs.co.uk) or Ms Hanington (hanington_l@bexleygs.co.uk).

BGS Parents' Association

Fundraising Update

Since September BGS PA have hosted the following events which has raised a total of £4553.



***Year 7 Welcome BBQ**

***Quiz Night**

***Christmas Market**

***Christmas Shop in School**

***Christmas Tree Sale**

***Christmas Raffle**

Funds have been allocated to the following departments

Year 7 Maths Craft Club - £50
Mental Health Speaker - £500
Wellbeing Award for Schools - £1150
'Educate and Celebrate' Promoting LGBT+ Inclusion - £1750
SEN Chrome Book - £200
Library-Trinity Schools Book Award - £287
Music Department- Android Tablets - £730
Horticultural Society - £350
Basketball Club- Team Kit and equipment - £500
Geography Department- New Atlases - £530
Cables for Public Address System - £104

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported these events that made all the above possible.

The next PA meeting is on Wednesday 16th January at 7.30pm. All welcome



Plonk & Presents Donation Request



Are you taking on the Dry January challenge, decided on a healthy start to the New Year and need to get rid of all temptation that stands in your way?

Any Christmas gifts you received that are 'surplus' to your requirements? Too many socks, perfume that's not quite you or your bathroom cupboard is overflowing with bath bombs?

If you have unopened bottles of alcohol or unwanted gifts that you'd like to donate, we'll be happy to take them off you to be used as prizes for fund raising events and the summer fair.

Please send any of your donations to the BGS PA through the Reception. If you prefer to hand them directly to the PA, please do come along to our **next meeting on Wednesday 16th January** or contact eventsbexleygs@gmail.com to arrange delivery or possible collection.



Winners of December Millennium Club Draw

1st (£15) Jennifer Turner
2nd (£10) Clare Chaplin

Christmas Draw

(£50) Sandrine Abbate
(Sandrine has generously donated her winnings to the Library to buy beanbag chairs - Thank you)



PE News

On the last Thursday of term we held a very special event. The Year 7 rugby team played their final match of 2018 against Bullers Wood School for Boys, with the added incentive of their whole year group being excused from period 7 to come and cheer them on. With their teachers and Miss Scott's Year 12 class, it added up to a crowd of nearly 200, who cheered vociferously as the boys raced to an early lead through tries from Luke, Michael and Sujal. BWSB fought back well in the second half, but further tries from Henry, Jamie and Ebube finished off a 45-15 win. Well done to all the players, and to the spectators who came and made it such an enjoyable afternoon for everyone.

Mr Lines, Head of PE



Japanese Club

Japanese club is great fun and has lots of activities to do. Every week we make something different or do varying activities like origami, calligraphy and even making sushi. In fact we made sushi before Christmas and we all had a great time. It is lots of fun and nice talking to everyone else who has come along. All the people helping out make it so enjoyable and such a happy atmosphere. I think it's a fantastic place to be. When I can, I always come along to see what fun things we are doing that week. The Japanese club is on every Wednesday in J18 and will start on 16th January this Year. Please come and join us!

Lennon Cracknell, Year 7



A whole new word ~ Year 10

Term 2 - Week 1

Art
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Classics
Computer Science
Drama

Abstract
Interdependence
Consumption
Inert
Participle
Iteration
Verfremdungseffekt

English
History
Maths
MFL
Music
Physics
P.E.

Corroborate
Terrain
Correlation
Etymology
Syllabic
Solenoid
Training



Forthcoming Events

January 2019

Tuesday 15th

Year 12 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 16th

Parents' Association Meeting, 7.30pm - see notice



Wednesday 23rd

Power Day 3

Thursday 31st

Inset Day - school closed to students

February

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