



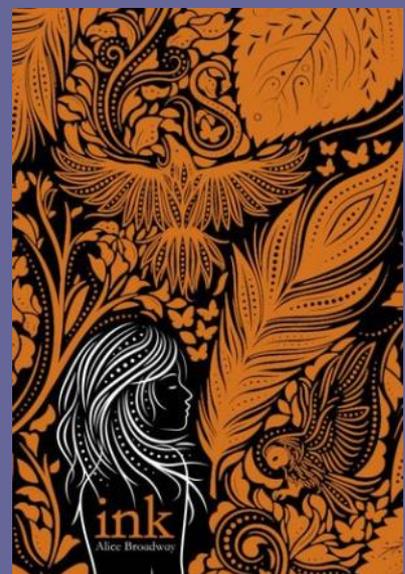
Reading Group Trinity Schools Book Award

A big congratulations to all of the students who participated in the TSBA and read and reviewed the 6 books chosen around the theme of 'Secrets and Lies'. Over 10 weeks the students discussed the books, took part in activities like 'Author for a Day', 'To the Silver Screen' and 'Three Word Review'. They also created a beautiful poster and an excellent video trailer for *I Am Thunder* which we will enter into the competition category of 'Most Creative Response'.

The students voted that *Ink* was their favourite book, and they are looking forward to meeting the author Alice Broadway, at the awards ceremony in March. We are also very excited about meeting *Auslander* author, Paul Dowswell, at Eltham College in February.

Thank you to the wonderful Parents' Association for making this possible by paying for us to enter the award, and generously buying the books. The students have really loved taking part.

Mrs Carey, Librarian



A whole new word ~ Year 10

Term 2 - Week 2

Art	Arrangement	Geography	National Parks
Biology	Mutualism	History	Shrapnel
Business Studies	Globalisation	Maths	Histogram
Chemistry	Displacement	MFL	Preposition
Classics	Subjunctive	Music	Melismatic
Computer Science	Inheritance	Physics	Eddy current
Drama	Traverse Stage	P.E.	Overreaching
English	Synthesise		



School Policies

The school's policies are regularly updated and reviewed by the Governing Body. Parents are able to view our policies via the school website. This week we have reviewed and uploaded the Attendance, Anti-Bullying and Behaviour Policies.

Mr Gilmore, Deputy Head

Notice from The Kent Police

Dear Parents and Students,

The Kent Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Scott has asked us to make you aware of a survey that his team are running with regard to violent crime. The PCC would like young people's views on how they can reduce violent crime and continue to make Kent a safe place to live. The survey is completely anonymised and gives no indication of the name of the young person or the school that they attend.

If you are able to complete the survey, please see the link below:

<https://www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/what-we-do/projects-and-campaigns/violence-reduction-challenge/>

Mr Gilmore, Deputy Head

Bexley Grammar School Sixth Form Dress Code

We would like to remind parents and Sixth Form students about the BGS dress code: please look at the attached dress code and ensure that it is followed carefully. I have become particularly concerned that women's clothing is not always of an appropriate material – denim, leather and vest tops with logos are not allowed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mr Morris, Assistant Head, Sixth Form

Women

- Jewellery and makeup suitable for a working environment may be worn, e.g. stud earrings, pendent necklace and watch- no large earrings etc;
- No large ear piercings;
- Facial piercings can only be a stud - no rings;
- Hair should be of natural colours and one colour only, though discreet highlighting is allowed;
- Shoes must be worn. Boots, trainers and plimsolls are not acceptable. Ankle boots may only be worn if under trousers. Shoes should be of a sensible height (no stilettos);
- **All students** are expected to wear a **suit** which comprises a **jacket with a skirt, trousers or dress**;
- Skirts and dresses to be of **appropriate** length;
- Skirts and dresses must be of **suit material** and style;
- Trousers must be of a **suit material** and style: jeans, jean-style trousers, leggings and cords are all not acceptable;
- **Blazers to be worn at all times** unless directed by staff within lessons;
- Waist-length cardigans are permitted but only to be worn under jackets in the winter;
- Hoodies, long cardigans and loose jumpers are not acceptable;
- All tops should be either a shirt **or blouse of appropriate material** (no lace). Coloured and patterned blouses are permitted if they are of a suitable style for school (no t-shirt material, writing, pictures or vest tops);
- No hats or anorak-style hoods to be worn inside school buildings.

Men

- Hair should be of natural colours and only one colour, though discreet highlighting is allowed;
- No large ear piercings;
- Facial piercings can only be a stud - no rings;
- Shoes must be worn. Boots, trainers and plimsolls are not acceptable;
- All students are expected to wear a **suit** which comprises a **jacket, trousers, shirt and tie**. Coloured shirts are acceptable if suitable for a working environment;
- Cardigans and fitted jumpers are permitted but only to be worn under jackets in the winter. A tie must still be worn with a jumper and must be on show;
- Trousers must be of a **suit** material and style: jeans, jean style trousers and cords are all not acceptable;
- Hoodies and loose jumpers are not acceptable;
- Top buttons should be fastened.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 9 February 2019,
7 - 9.30pm**

**Join us for an evening of quizzes
and music!**

**All funds raised will go towards the
Music Department and Music Tour.**

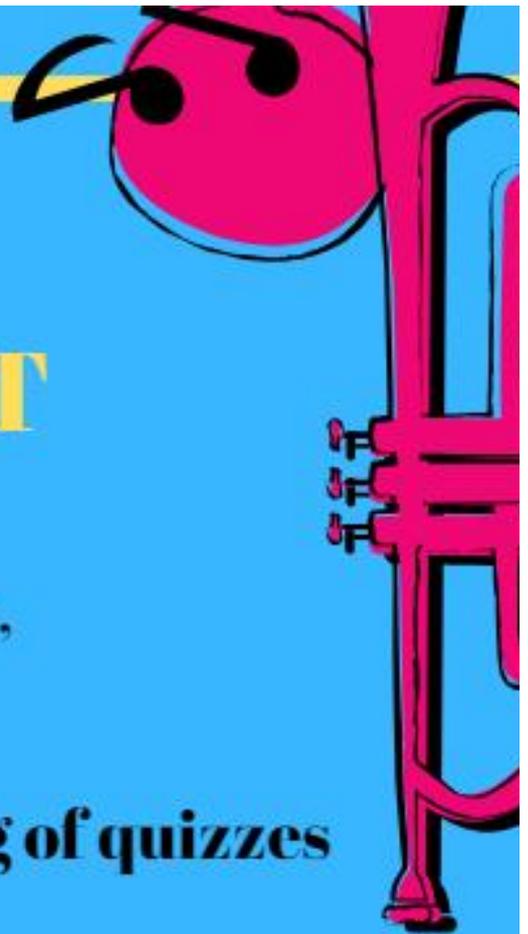
<https://yourboxoffice.co.uk/events>

Tickets: £5 per person via

Maximum 8 per table.

RAFFLE

**Please bring your own
refreshments**



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*.

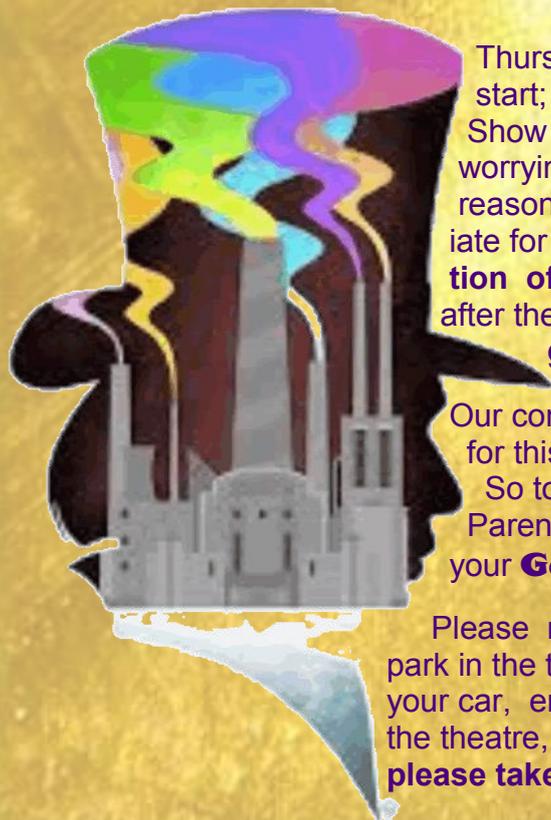
Performances will all take place in The Theatre (K10) on:

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

BGS Parents' Association



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 or contact eventsbexleygs@gmail.com to arrange delivery or possible collection

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.

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)



News items you may have missed

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).

Forthcoming Events

January 2019

Wednesday 23rd

Power Day 3

Thursday 31st

Inset Day - school closed to students

February

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - see notice

Wednesday 6th February, 7pm

Thursday 7th February, 5pm

Friday 8th February, 7pm

Saturday 9th February

Music Department Quiz, 7pm - see notice