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7th March 2019

Success at the Bromley Music Festival Congratulations Mia!

Mia Chan, Year 10, showcased her piano performance skills at the Bromley Music Festival in March 2019. She performed '5 Bagatelles' by John McCabe, and won a gold medal and a cup in the Open Contemporary category. She was also awarded a Distinction with 92 points.

The music department would like to congratulate Mia on her achievements. We understand that she has another busy weekend ahead, entering in further categories on both piano and violin. We wish her the very best of luck!

Mrs Goddard Head of Music



Trinity Schools Book Award - Meeting Paul Dowswell

Every Tuesday after school for about ten weeks we have had the TSBA book club. It was run by the amazing Mrs Carey and we had a great time! One book that we all read and enjoyed was called Ausländer and it was written by Paul Dowswell, an excellent historical fiction writer.

We were lucky enough to travel to Eltham College to meet Mr Dowswell and have a very interesting talk on WW2 and Nazi Youth. We also had a questions and answers session about the book, being a writer and the World War. It helped many of us realise what actually goes into writing a historical book. Many of us were also lucky enough to have our books signed by the author!

There are many different reading groups taking place and when a new one is coming up it is really worth signing up! They are so much fun and can bring you so many opportunities! I can't wait for our next trip!

Sponsored Read! - World Book Day

AUSLÄNDER

DOWSWELL

Today I am launching a sponsored read for the charity Read for Good. Our students can sign up to read as many books in 3 weeks as they can, and raise money for new books for terminally ill children in hospital. Last year we raised £256.30 for this excellent charity, and this year we are hoping to beat it. Any student wishing to take part can sign up in the Library and collect a sponsorship pack. The student who raises the most money will be given a £5 book voucher.

For more information about the charity does, please visit their website: <u>www.readforgood.org</u>

Mrs Carey, Librarian

Lois Nobbs, 7MPL







WORLD

BOOK

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British Science Week 2019

British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths



It is here!

British Science Week starts on Friday 8th March. Over the following week a huge variety of activities, quizzes and competitions are taking place!

Key Stage 3 classes will be developing their team-working skills and initiative during lessons with some challenging hands-on activities. Furthermore, the whole of Year 7 and Year 8 will be taking part in a national poster competition on the theme of journeys! For more details on the competition and to see what activities you could try at home https://www.britishscienceweek.org/

Key Stage 4 students in Years 9 and 10 will be competing to have their work immortalised in an exciting new project. To mark the 150th birthday of the periodic table a new mural will be created in Bexley Grammar School. Keep an eye out for news of the unveiling later in the year!

Key Stage 5 and Year 11 students will have the opportunity to enter a fantastic competition run by Oxford University. The winning team will get to meet award-winning journalist and news anchor Krishnan Guru-Murthy on an exclusive, behindthe-scenes tour at Channel 4 News. For more information



https://www.hertford.ox.ac.uk/unsungscience

and much, much more!

What can you do to get involved in Science Week?

Check out the **British Science Week website** for ideas of activities or visit one of these events going on around the country:

Middlesex University STEM Festival

University of Southampton Science and Engineering day

https://sciencelive.net/whats-on/



A whole new word ~ Year 10

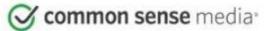
Term 2 - Week 8

Art	Investigation	Geography	Regional
Biology	Glucagon	History	Armistice
Business Studies	Legislation	Maths	Congruent
Chemistry	Nucleon	MFL	Clause
Classics	Comparative	Music	Melismatic
Computer Science	Database	Physics	Rarefaction
Drama	Denouement	P.E.	Overtraining
English	Enjambment		
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Advice for parents and pupils from Mr Gilmore and Mrs Ellis

4 sources of advice for Parents from Alan Mackenzie, www.esafety-adviser.com



Common Sense Media

To learn more about the games or apps your children are using, Common Sense Media covers thousands, which includes advice and reviews from other parents:

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/



YouTube

With over 5.5 billion videos, if you need to know something there's a good chance it's here. Use simple searches such as, "What is..." "How do I..."

https://www.youtube.com

internet matters₊org

Internet Matters

Tons of age-specific related information created specifically for parents. Includes information to set up devices.

https://www.internetmatters.org/



School

The school your child goes to is a wealth of information. If you're not sure or don't know where to turn to, they can and will help. Find out what what your child does in school about online safety so that you can replicate the same advice at home.







BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

BGS SPRING CONCERT -'UNDER THE SEA!'

MONDAY 25TH MARCH 2019 6PM



Tickets available from

www.yourboxoffice.co.uk or by clicking here



Parents'

BGS Parents' Association (BGSPA) has yet again been able to secure reduced price ride wristbands for Adventure Island, Southend. Adventure Island is a great day out for all the family, with a wide choice of rides for all ages. Check it out at: **www.adventureisland.co.uk**.

Association Although entry is free, purchase of a wristband is required for unlimited use of all suitable rides. Once purchased, a wristband can be used on any one day in 2019 that Adventure Island is open.

For anyone who is over 1.2 metres tall, a wristband would cost \pounds 22.50 if purchased online (\pounds 32 if purchased at the ticket office on the day). The PA can provide these for **only £18.00**.



News items you may have missed

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

Revision Guides

Many thanks to the parents who have donated their children's old revision guides to the school. It gave me an idea to ask for more.

Do you have old GCSE revision guides at home that are sitting there collecting dust?

No longer studying that subject or not in depth enough to help with your IB studies?

It seems a shame to throw them away after only your use. Why not instead, pay the help they've given you forward. I'd love to have them for my current Year 11s who are working hard towards their GCSE exams this summer. I know that they would certainly appreciate the help.

If you have any that you would like to donate then please drop them off at Reception or at the PE office and I will find them a good home within the cohort.

Mr Skinner, Director of Studies, Year 11

Message from Reception

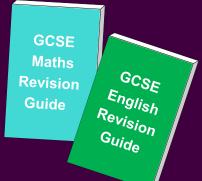
In recent weeks, before and after Half Term, we have had number of students with upset stomachs in school. If your child is unwell with an upset stomach, please may we ask that parents follow NHS advice that students should not come into school for 24 hours after their last bout of sickness, or 48 hours if they have sickness and diarrhoea. This helps to prevent it spreading to other students and staff.

Can we also request that you make sure we have up to date contact details for you to enable us to contact you if your child is unwell.

Thank you

Mrs Beasley & Mrs Denyer, Reception







Parents' Association News

Millennium Club Winners

January Winners 1st Prize - Number 64 - Bev Bailey 2nd Prize - Number 67 - Pamela Campbell

February Winners 1st Prize - Number 9 - Graham Threader 2nd Prize - Number 21 - Gary Russell



NGET

Friday 29th March Doors open 7 pm for 7:30 start Tickets £5 per person. Max. 8 per team Bring your own food and drink Dlease click HERE to register your team







Forthcoming Events

March

Friday 8th Beginning of British Science Week until 17th March (see notice)

Tuesday 12th Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4pm - 6.30pm

Tuesday 26th Year 10 Parents' Evening, 4pm - 6.30pm

Friday 29th PA Quiz Night (see notice)



April

Tuesday 2nd Power day 4

Friday 5th Last school day of the Spring Term

Tuesday 23rd First day of the Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd Year 10 & Year 12 (Part i) Exam period and study leave begins

May

Friday 3rd Year 10 & Year 12 (Part i) Exam period and study leave ends

June

Wednesday 26th Awarding bodies designated GCSE 'contingency day' for examinations (see notice)