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Introducing our fundraising effort for 2019

Our outdoor play and PE areas are crumbling, literally! We're desperate to refurbish them so that they can continue to be used safely. The PE department is spending 2019 working towards raising enough money to restore them to their former glory – and we need your help.

We have applied for government grants, to no avail, and now we're taking on the job ourselves, and we need to raise £15,000 to make it happen.

Our courts are used at playtimes, during PE lessons, and for after school fixtures for our Netball and Tennis teams. We are (unsurprisingly) passionate believers in the benefits of sport and physical activity in supporting the health and wellbeing of our students, and facilities such as these are essential in making this possible.

We will be holding a number of fundraising events throughout 2019 – from bake sales to a sponsored 5K park run, and we would be enormously grateful for any help in achieving our goal. We can do this for around £10 for each student at BGS, and are confident that all of our students will benefit. Please give generously.

Thank you



£15,000
Fundraising
Target

During our next Power Day on Tuesday 2nd April, students will be running 2.5k or 5k (it's up to them) in Danson Park and we'd love you to sponsor them to complete this challenge. There are prizes for the student, and form, who raise the most money - so please sponsor generously.

Thank you

TSBA Book Awards Ceremony



We started a book group in the Library with Mrs Carey on the theme of 'secrets and lies'. On the 30th October we had our first meeting, where we picked our books and looked at the front covers and first impressions. Every Tuesday we met up, talked about the books and made some 'Creative' responses, including a strange video trailer for *I am Thunder!* and an amazing poster for *Witchborn*.

Overall, we said that our favourite book was *Ink*, as it was very exciting and had a great plot.

On Thursday 29th February, we went to Eltham College to see Paul Dowswell, the author of *Auslander*, a book on Nazi Germany. We talked to the author and then he signed our books!

Our main event was on the 15th March, when the TSBA book awards took place. We travelled an hour to Caterham School and were assembled in a big hall. There was a Q & A session with author Nicholas Bowling, Muhammed Khan, Francis Hardinge and Paul Dowswell, where we found out about the inspiration for their books, how they approached writing and their opinions on genres. Each student from the 15 schools who participated in the TSBA had voted for their favourite book, and the joint winners were *Ink* by Alice Broadway and *Auslander* by Paul Dowswell, which our school really agreed with.

Finally, we went to their school library where we actually got to meet the authors, see the creative responses and get our books signed, including a note in Latin by Nick Bowling (the author of *Witchborn*)!

I would really recommend the Book Group as I had so much fun! Thank you to the PA who gave us the money for the Book Group!

Holly Kinsella, Year 7



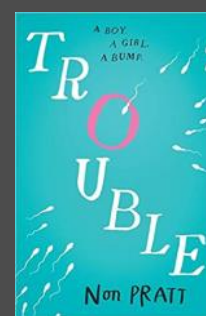
First Lines Competition

For World Book Day students took part in a competition where they wrote the first lines for imaginary books called *Roses in Paris*, *The Haunted Staircase* and *The Boy Who Turned Into A Superhero*. English Prefect Katy Jebson read all of the fantastic entries and chose Harry Watts and Mehida Oforji (8PLR) as the winners. Each will win a signed copy of a Non Pratt book which she generously donated to this competition.

Harry Watts *Roses in Paris*: 'Love, like a flower, blossoms anywhere there is hope'. Mehida Oforji *The Boy Who Turned Into A Superhero*: 'There are moments you can't believe are real - that last seconds, minutes or forever - that shape the rest of the little moments in your life. This book is about mine.'

Katy also wanted to give a special mention to Tom Dalrymple (8PLR), Leyla Cilek (10FF), Olivia Harry (10REL), Sophie Pooley (7MPL) and Lois Nobbs (7MPL) who were close runners up. Thank you to everybody who took part, I will be putting these entries on display in the Library

Mrs Carey, School Librarian



Exam News

Updated Year 10 Mock Exam time table

The mock examination timetable for Year 10 students has been amended please click on the link [here](#) to view the updated version.

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



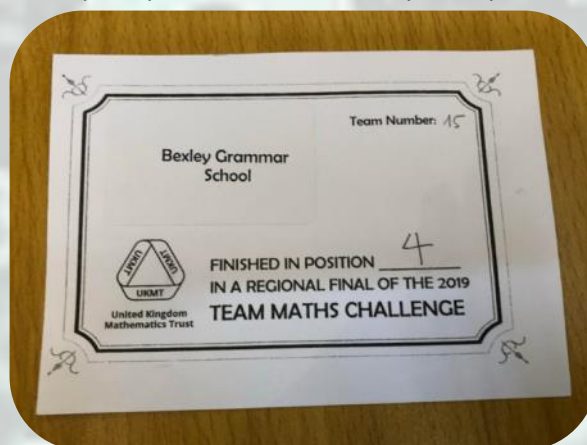
Bexley Grammar finished in 4th place in the Regional Final of the 2019 Team Maths Challenge!

On Wednesday, 13th March 2019, four students from Bexley Grammar School competed in the Regional Final of the 2019 Team Maths Challenge, which took place at St. Olave's Grammar School in Orpington, Bromley.

Bexley Grammar School is very pleased to announce that their team of young Mathematicians, consisting of four Year 7, 8 and 9 students, Max Dawkins (9YS), Marie Mitambo (9JSR), Nazar Androshchuk (8LJB) and Haris Dalipi (7LC), finished in 4th place out of 32 schools, gaining the highest place out of all the schools that competed from the Bexley Borough!

The group, led by Miss Salp (*Leader of Key Stage 3 Mathematics*), excelled in this exciting opportunity, and worked very well in preparing for the challenge! Overall, it was a memorable experience and the students thoroughly enjoyed the challenge!

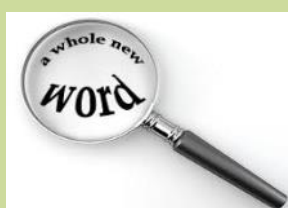
Well done BGS!



A whole new word ~ Year 10

Term 2 - Week 10

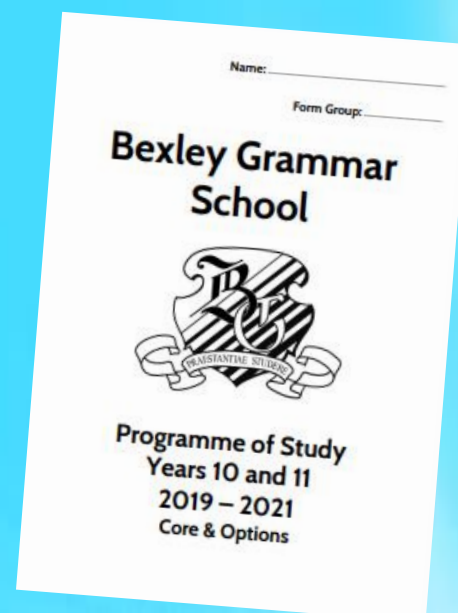
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| Art | Depiction |
| Biology | Abiotic |
| Business Studies | Empowerment |
| Chemistry | Polymer |
| Classics | Device |
| Computer Science | Interface |
| Drama | Monotonous |
| DT | Communicate |
| English | Dactylic |
| Geography | Resource |
| History | Hyperinflation |
| Maths | Rational Number |
| MFL | Colloquial |
| Music | Cadence |
| Physics | Seismic Waves |
| P.E. | Validity |



Year 9 Options Update

We are currently in the process of finalising the Year 9 Options and will confirm the subjects that pupils will be studying from September 2019 in the near future.

Mrs Arundel
Year 9 Options Coordinator



News items you may have missed



**BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS**

**BGS SPRING CONCERT -
'UNDER THE SEA!'**

**MONDAY 25TH MARCH 2019
6PM**

£6.50/£4.50 concessions
Tickets available from
www.yourboxoffice.co.uk or by clicking [here](#)

HOUSE SHOWCASE

**Wednesday 3rd April 2019
7pm - 8.30pm**

**House Showcase is an opportunity for
you to see some of our entries from
House Music, Dance and Drama
and marks the end of the
Annual House Competition**

**Tickets for this Bexley Grammar School
Fundraising House event are
available in advance via
<https://yourboxoffice.co.uk/events>
(search for Bexley Grammar
House Showcase)
or by clicking on the link [here](#)**

**Tickets are priced
£4 adults/ £2 concessions**

**All money raised will go towards
supporting our Houses**

PA Millennium Club

Dear Parent/ Carer,

The Parents' Association runs a monthly Millennium Club draw to raise funds for the school. Each month we give out a first prize of £15.00 and a second prize of £10.00 plus a bonus £50.00 draw at Christmas. For just £5.00 your number will be entered into 12 draws. To be in with a chance of winning, please click on the link [here](#), complete form and return it, with your payment, by the end of this month.

Good Luck!

BGS Parents' Association





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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.

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 £22.50 if purchased online (£32 if purchased at the ticket office on the day). The PA can provide these for **only £18.00**.

If you would like to purchase reduced price wristbands (**these are valid for 2019**) please click on the link [here](#) complete the form and follow the instructions.

BGS PA



Parents' Association



*See the Millennium
Club notice to sign up and
enter the next draw!*

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

QUIZ NIGHT

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

**Please click [HERE](#) to
register your team**



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Forthcoming Events

March

Monday 25th

BGS Spring Concert ~ 'Under the Sea', 6pm (see notice)

Tuesday 26th

Year 10 Parents' Evening, 4pm - 6.30pm

Friday 29th

PA Quiz Night (see notice)



April

Tuesday 2nd

Power day 4

Wednesday 3rd

House Showcase, 7pm (see notice)

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

Friday 26th

Final Day Year 13

May

Friday 3rd

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

Monday 6th

Public Holiday ~ School closed to students (except for Exam students)

June

Wednesday 26th

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