

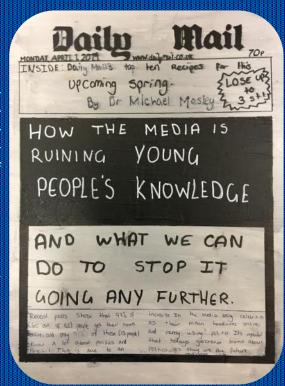
GRAMMAR NEWSLETTER

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Year 9 Independent Learning Project

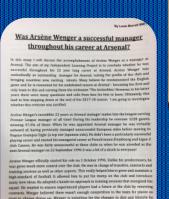
At the beginning of the year, the Year 9s were faced with the task of developing a research question, similar to the Extended Essay that they will encounter in the Sixth Form. Since October they have been researching their chosen topic and compiling their research to answer their question. Before the Easter holidays all the students in Year 9 submitted their ILPs and they deserve huge congratulations. Their questions covered all aspects of life; the causes of ocean pollution, a comparison of Metallica and Megadeth, a report on different types of therapy, and there was even a life-size Dalek model in the school reception! There will be an opportunity for parents to see all the students' brilliant work later this term. Well done Year 9, you're keeping me extremely busy reading all of your projects; they are all incredible achievements.

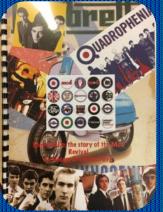
Miss Roberts, Senior Academic Mentor, Year 9











Spring Term Concerts in the Music Department

It's been yet another busy term in the Music department - students completing GCSEs and their final year of IB are busy finalising their last pieces of coursework and getting ready for their upcoming exams - we are wishing them all the best of luck!

We had our IB showcase on 19th March, where our Year 13 students presented their final performance portfolios ready for submission. Emma Damiral-Wood presented her musicals and early music portfolio, with a memorable performance of 'What Baking Can Do' from the musical 'Waitress'. Timi Akinsola presented performances on both piano and voice, whilst Madi Baiguzhayev showed us the potential of the saxophone. Rico Whyte capped off the performances with a varied popular music performance portfolio presented on the drum kit, including an improvisatory piece. Our Year 12s also performed and presented their

performance portfolios so far - we're hoping that the standard

of performances will be even higher next year!

We also had our whole-school concert on 25th March 2019. This year's musical offering was based on the theme 'Under the Sea', with all pieces linked directly (or tenuously!) to water. It was a vibrant programme packed with a range of musical styles and tastes for every performer and audience member. Our orchestras wowed with 'Lord of the Dance' and 'Moon River', whilst our jazz groups performed 'Wade in the Water', 'Wave' and 'Beyond the Sea', featuring Timi Akinsola who sang the solo as his swansong to Bexley Grammar School. Our choirs continued to perform to a high standard, with a stand out performance from the Chamber Choir of 'Cry Me A River' which was quite simply outstanding, as well as a junior choir version of 'You're Welcome' from Moana complete with student band. Our rock bands continue to go from strength to strength, with 'The Ocean' by Led





performed Gilbert and Sullivan's 'HMS Pinafore' and Junior Chamber Choir performed 'Man in the Mirror'. We had not one, but two brass groups this year, with our larger group performing 'Pirates of the Caribbean' and 'My Heart Will Go On' from Titanic, and our student-run advanced Brass Group *No Strings Attached* performing 'Yellow Submarine' and selections from 'Les Miserables'.



It is that time of year where we are going to say goodbye to some of our Year 13 students. We want to thank all of you for being involved in the music department over the years, and we wish you all the very best of luck in your future endeavours.

Our next event will be the KS3 showcase on 22nd May 2019 - keep an eye out for further notices!

Mrs Goddard, Head of Music



ABRSM Music Exam Results - Spring 2019

I am delighted to announce that several of our students at Bexley Grammar School have passed their recent music exams that they took in March 2019. It is wonderful to hear of successes in students' instrumental and singing lessons; not only do music exams prepare students for further graded exams, it also marks an achievement for every student that they can perform to a certain level.

I would like to congratulate the following students - you've worked so hard!

Mrs Goddard, Head of Music

Megan Le	Singing	Grade 3
Grace Lappin	Singing	Grade 4
Take Hurley	Trumpet -	Grade 1
Louis Edwards	Trumpet	Grade 2



William Henderson	Euphonium	Grade 4
Jack Arkwright	French Horn	Grade 1
Mollie Arkwright	Trumpet	Grade 1
Aaron Tosland	Trumpet -	Grade 5
Joshua Morris	Trombone	Grade 2
Isabel Hosier	Clarinet	Grade 7
Fola Akinsuyi	Clarinet	Grade 5
Ryan Brockwell-Low	Clarinet	Grade 4
Simon Le	Alto Saxophone	Grade 4
Ethan Abbate 🗽	Alto Saxophone	Grade 4
Precious Oladimeji	Violin	Grade 4
Tanvi Peddamallu	Piano	Grade 1
Sanjana Pradeep	Piano	Grade 2
Rhys Brodie	Piano	Grade 3

Competition Opportunity!

Please see the poster below from the Met Police which advertises a competition marking 100th anniversary of female police officers. It would be great to see BGS students participating in this important event.

Mr Gilmore, Deputy Head

METROPOLITAN POLICE SCHOOL'S ART COMPETITION



Competition:

The Metropolitan Police invites you to create a piece of artwork that celebrates 100yrs of women policing London

This is open to all school aged children between the ages of 6-18yrs. There are three categories: year 1-6, year 7-11, year 12-13.

Accepted media:

Painting – Sculpture – Ceramics – Photography – Illustration - Video art – Moving image – Installation – Digital Art – Mixed media

Prize:

The winners will have a unique opportunity to see behind the scenes of the Metropolitan Police and the prize will include lunch at the world famous New Scotland Yard. You will have a photograph under the rotating sign and you can feature on our Metropolitan Police media accounts-Twitter/
Facebook, to celebrate your successful win

Application deadline:

All competition entries, whether sculptures, ceramics, paintings or digital submissions need to be photographed and submitted to:

NCTPHQMailbox-100YearsCompetition@met.police.uk

All entries by Tuesday 30th April 2019

News items you may have missed



Love to perform? In Years 7-9?

We are looking for performers for our KS3
Showcase Concert on
Wednesday 22 May, 6 - 8pm.
You are invited to attend auditions on
Wednesday 1 May after school in MU1.
Callbacks will be held on
Wednesday 8 May after School in MU1.

Please sign up for an audition on the BGS

Performing Arts Website

(KS3 Showcase 2019)



Parents' Association

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**.



PA News

Contacting Us

The PA is currently setting up a new email address. In the interim until the new one is confirmed parents are advised to contact them via enquiries@bexleygs.co.uk. Please include 'FAO BGS PA' in the subject line.

Thank you

BGS Parents' Association

ParentPay

Please could parents ensure that pupils have adequate funds in their ParentPay accounts to pay for their Canteen purchases.

Thank you

Finance Office

#SuPportOurcouRTS ~ Thank you

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Danson Park Sponsored 5k on 2/4/19. If you wish to pay in your sponsorship money, please bring cash to the Finance Office in an envelope with your name on it and the amount you are paying in. Alternatively, you can give it to a parent who can then make payment via ParentPay - choosing the "5K sponsorship" option.

Thank you.

Mr Lines, Head of PE

From Tickets On sale now

The Year 11 Prom will take place this year on Monday 8th July and tickets are now available to purchase on ParentPay.

Miss Aspill Senior Academic Mentor Year 11

Parents'



Forthcoming Events

April

Friday 26th Final Day Year 13

May

Wednesday 1st

Auditions KS3 Showcase Concert ~ After School (See notice)

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)

May

Tuesday 7th

Year 7 Parents' Evening ~ 4pm - 6.30pm

Wednesday 8th

CALL BACK - Auditions KS3 Showcase Concert ~ After School (See notice)

Friday 10th

Final Day Year 11

Wednesday 22nd

KS3 Showcase Concert ~ 6pm-8pm (See notice)

Monday 27th to Friday 31st Half Term - School closed to students

June

Monday 3rd

First school following Half Term

Saturday 8th

Summer Fayre & Sports Day (SF&SD) - Normal school day

Monday 10th

Day off in lieu of (SF&SD) ~ School closed to students (except for Exam students)

Wednesday 26th ~ Awarding bodies designated GCSE 'contingency day' for examinations