



**BEXLEY
GRAMMAR
SCHOOL**

NEWSLETTER

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20th June 2019

Sing 'Hallelujah'!

SISTER ACT

Music by **ALAN MENKEN** Lyrics by **GLENN SLATER**

Book by
CHERI STEINKELLNER & BILL STEINKELLNER

Additional Book Material by **DOUGLAS CARTER BEANE**

Based on the Touchstone Pictures Motion Picture "Sister Act" written by Joseph Howard

Bexley Grammar School invites you to come and celebrate, raise your hands and spread the love around for our musical, 'Sister Act'!

Performances will start at 7pm on:

Tuesday 2 July

Wednesday 3 July - Gala Performance

Thursday 4 July

Friday 5 July

Tickets on sale at

www.yourboxoffice.co.uk or by clicking on the link [here](#)

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe). All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe

www.mtishows.co.uk

EE, Exams & Enrichment Week 2019

As our Year 9 linguists journeyed to France and Germany, and Year 10 Geographers completed their fieldwork in Kingswood, BGS was a hive of activity last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. In school, Year 7 & 8 students embarked on their end of year exams. They followed their exam timetable, including time for revision, allowing them to build the independent study skills and exam practice that will be essential in the years to come. Away from school, Year 12 IB students completed their Extended Essays, a vital component of their IB diploma which invites them to immerse themselves in one of their higher level subjects.

For Year 9 and Year 10 students remaining in school, Enrichment Week activities were planned and delivered for the students by our dedicated staff. GCSE History students spent a day in London visiting the Imperial War Museum and HMS Belfast, whilst our GCSE Ancient Historians took a trip to the City of London to visit the Museum of London and the London Mithraeum. The Year 9 students who remained with us enjoyed a range of activities, including the opportunity to create their own films using Premier Pro.

On Friday, Year 10 students took control of their own learning and selected from a wide range of option sessions. Mrs Stoddard ran a Mock Trial, presiding over a court case with student legal teams suitably attired in black court gowns, a court artist and a jury. Mrs Miah's father joined us once more to run (pardon the pun) a Sprint Masterclass, and Mr Otley transformed the theatre for Jazz Age Jeopardy: an immersive 1920s Murder Mystery. I am grateful to all the staff from Art, Business Studies, Classics, Computer Science, Drama, DT, English, Maths, Music, PE, Psychology and Science who provided the students with the chance to experience something new.

Enrichment Week comes on the back of the Summer Fayre and our final Power Day when our energy can be sapped by our busy calendar of events, so it is always gratifying to see the excitement generated by the commitment of our teachers to provide alternative experiences for the students during this week. Well done to all who participated so enthusiastically!

Miss Hanington (Assistant Head)



Enrichment Week

Mr Griffin's Creative Writing Workshop

Friday 14th June 2019

(A) What Am I?

Take me up in times of darkness.
 A conduit through which to transfer the shadows.
 Fragile in the hands of the simple,
 But mighty in the hands of the few.

A lightning rod to harness your thoughts,
 To scar the real world with the concepts you create.
 A tool with which to carve out worlds
 Or to engineer one's downfall.

Though I may be replaced when I come to an end,
 You may still dig the well deeper in your mind,
 And take up my brother for as long as need be -
 Our abilities are finite but we harness your infinity.

Zak Bushaway

(B) What Am I?

I lie waiting for my time.
 Hours pass and days fly when you are
 merely waiting.
 I wait for disaster to strike: for people to
 need me.

I have a purpose, I have a job,
 yet my shrills just pull people away.
 Only my silence brings comfort to those
 who pass by.

When people are suffocating
 And drawing short breaths,
 I stay with them – like a friend,
 yet they never cease to loathe me.

Joy Hui

(C) What am I?

Every day, I waste away;
 Idling amongst the others.
 Isolated in the dark,
 Until you find me, cowering behind my cover.

Your soft touch as you caress my face;
 The lingering warmth it brings.
 I wish each day could stay like this:
 But the pain you bring- it stings.

You take my hand so softly and gently,
 Yet I still manage to stumble.
 But I knew this bliss wouldn't last,
 As I fall, crash and crumble.

Jessica Nguyen

Power

Power Day visit to The Royal Albert Hall

16 Year 10 students went behind the scenes at the Royal Albert Hall on Power Day (11th June) to draw back the curtain on how the RAH organises concerts, from the moment you set a date to promoting and performing.

We saw a number of famous acts displayed on the walls of the Royal Albert Hall and were fascinated to hear about the Royal Charter the RAH operates under. Did you know that it also doubles up as a science lecture theatre?!

We had a great time getting to understand the RAH even more, and also had the opportunity to visit the red grand piano Elton John used on his 'RED' tour - it also features in the new 'Rocketman' film! Mrs Goddard might be feeling inspired to organise a concert at the RAH next year... watch this space!





BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL
MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

JAZZ EVENING

9.7.2019, 6PM START

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
WWW.YOURBOXOFFICE.CO.UK
OR BY CLICKING ON THE LINK

[HERE](#)

£6/£4 CONCESSIONS

Forthcoming Events

June

Friday 21st

Non-Uniform Day in aid of Young Minds (please bring £1)

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

July

Tuesday 2nd

Sister Act Performance, 7pm (see notice)

Wednesday 3rd

Sister Act Performance (Gala Night), 7pm (see notice)

Thursday 4th

Sister Act Performance, 7pm (see notice)

Friday 5th

Sister Act Performance, 7pm (see notice)

Tuesday 9th

Jazz Evening, 6pm (see notice)