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# NEWSLETTER

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## 5 DAYS TO GO!

BGS PRESENTS

# SISTER ACT

Music by  
ALAN MENKEN

Lyrics by  
GLENN SLATER

JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup>

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## Summer Fayre 2019

### Thank you from BGS PA

2019 was another successful year with over £7,000 raised on the day. Scroll to page 5 and read the full story.

*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](http://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  
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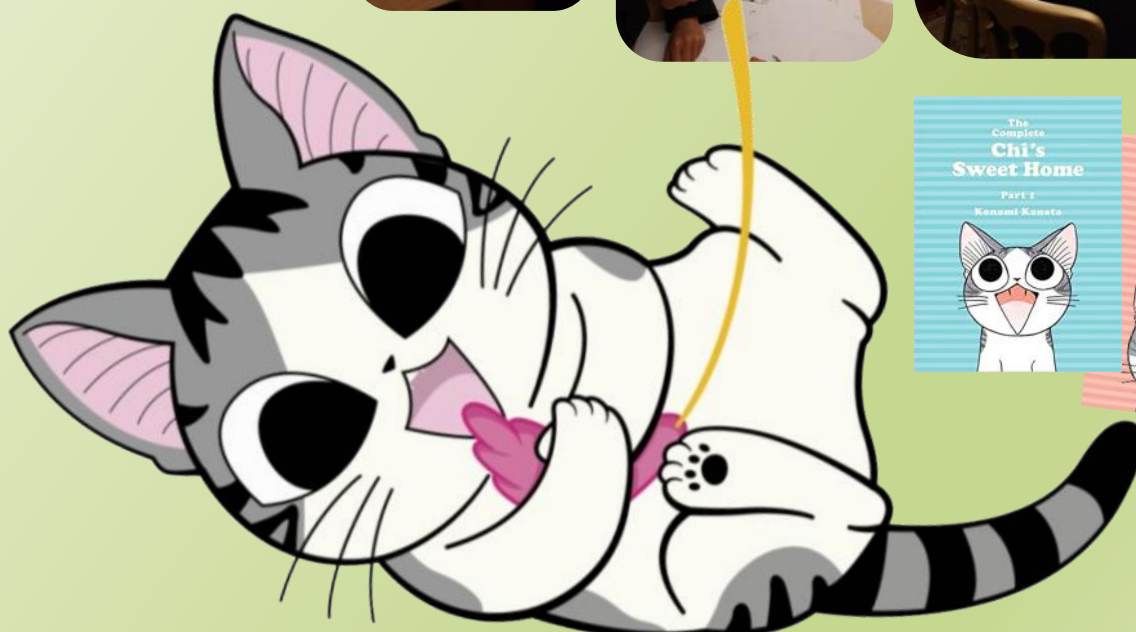
## Manga Workshop at Japan Embassy

On Tuesday 21st May, our Year 8 Japanese class went to a manga workshop held by the Japanese Embassy. The session was run by Konami Kanata (the author of the 'Chi's Sweet Home' manga) and some members of the embassy. The workshop started with Konami explaining how she makes and draws her manga, and talked about the processes and materials she uses. The way that she makes her manga is using this process:

1. Draw the pictures in pencil
2. Go over the designs in pen
3. Rub out the pencil
4. Then add screentones (which is a type of sticky material which can be stuck onto the drawings to add shadows, detail, colours etc.)

After we'd learned how manga is drawn, we had a go ourselves. We were each given the start of a manga extract from 'Chi's Sweet Home', but some of the boxes were blank so we could fill them in with our own storylines, using the same methods and materials as a professional manga artist. Drawing manga was a new experience for some people, as many of us had only read manga and had never attempted drawing it ourselves. Some people had never even read a manga. Many people's drawings were better than others, and the members of the embassy came round and helped us whilst we were creating our own drawings. It was fun, and everyone really enjoyed it.

**Maddy Hosier & Mehida Oforji**



## DT Department Kingston University - Engineer Competition

On Friday, I went to Kingston University as I was a runner-up in the competition 'If you were an engineer, what would you do?'. After a tiring journey, we finally made it. I have never been in a University before and the environment was surreal. A Tour Guide took us to the room where all students' letters and sketches of their inventions were displayed. The 211 people who made it to this stage (out of 48,000 entries nationwide!) were either shortlisted (which I was awarded with and a distinction), highly commended (congratulations to Lily Hewitt for receiving that award) or a winner. There were 192 runner ups and 19 winners! Considering these 211 people were from Reception Class up to Year 12, I feel it was quite an achievement to get this far!



I remember seeing my invention on the pin board and being very shocked to see MY work on there. I felt a sense of warmth and happiness that my work had not just got 2 stamps from my DT Teacher, but being displayed in the University! After looking at a variety of people's work, especially the winners, I went to the prototype room. Every year, about 3 inventions are actually made into prototypes!! I tried out a bicycle that pumps water from a well through a pipe when you cycle in reverse; a sink that can adjust to one's height from sensory movement and also a magnetic shirt that contains magnets that push the buttons together. It was so fun trying out other peoples' inventions!!

Finally, I ate my lunch in the really nice University Cafe and then headed home. I would like to congratulate Maddy Hosier and James Spatz, for also getting their work displayed at the University and becoming runner-ups. Also, I am really grateful that I was allowed to have this experience and it didn't just entertain and interest me, but also gave me a taste of what it feels like to live on campus!! I would like to thank Miss Francis for entering us in the competition, enabling us to enjoy this experience. I can't wait to enter again next year!

***Nathan Singleton, Year 8***







# Summer Fayre 2019

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The day cannot be a success without the support of parents/ carers, friends, family and extended family who show up on the day, whether to watch the sporting activities, participate in bubble football, view the classic cars or just meander around purchasing a burger, drink and some sweets. If you purchased a raffle ticket or lucky envelope and was successful congratulations. By you purchasing one ticket, or one brochure you have helped make a difference. Many thanks to all those that attended on the day.

And finally, to staff and students –  
you were amazing.




The banner features the Easyfundraising logo at the top, followed by the text 'Collect FREE funds for us when you shop online the easyfundraising way'. Below this, a three-step process is shown: 1. Join (with a heart icon), 2. Shop (with a shopping basket icon), and 3. Collect (with a coin icon). At the bottom, logos for partner retailers are displayed: amazon.co.uk, John Lewis, Thomson, ebay, Viking, Argos, and Sainsbury's.

**And don't forget every-time you shop online**

Find out more and join here: [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bexleygrammar/](https://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bexleygrammar/)




Bexley Grammar School and the Parents Association would like to thank all the local businesses and individuals who have sponsored the Fayre with prizes and gifts. We are indebted to you and thank you for your generosity.



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 Orchard Theatre, Dartford  
 David Lloyds, Kidbrooke  
 Image Hair & Beauty, Kidbrooke  
 Utopia Spa, Gravesend  
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 Eagle Heights  
 Godstone Farm  
 Leeds Castle  
 London Bridge Experience & Tombs  
 Royal Engineers  
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## 2019 BGS Classic and Custom Vehicle Show

Rohan Datta (7EAG) seen here presenting 'Best in Class' trophies to the owners of winning vehicles, took a leading role in ensuring the smooth running the 2019 BGS Classic and Custom Vehicle show.

The show, which was originally set up by Mr O'Regan, (a former BGS Design and Technology teacher with a passion for all things mechanical) welcomes vintage, modified and unusual vehicles. If you have one, or know someone who does, put next year's date in your diary and bring it along to be admired! You may even get to take home a coveted BGS trophy manufactured in house by our Art department.

Rohan says that he has always had an interest in motor vehicles, which is why he volunteered to become part of the team. If you came to see us at this year's Summer Fayre, or visited the 7EAG darts stall it is very likely you will have met him in person. Rohan was an integral part of greeting the entrants, and making them feel welcome here at BGS. He also took command of the voting process, helping unfamiliar visitors to understand the different categories of vehicle, and encouraging them to use their new knowledge to contribute to the allocation of awards.

Rohan has recently become a Junior Volunteer Police Cadet, so he is able to use his interpersonal and leadership skills to assist people in our wider community as well. The BGS Classic and Customs crew, and all of this year's entrants are very grateful to Rohan for his invaluable contribution to making this year's event such a success.

### ***Mr E Gilmore & Miss Harrison, Art Department***





## Carnegie Reading Group trip to Townley Grammar

The Carnegie Reading Group had to read eight books, and every week we did a fun activity on the book we had read - we made videos, wrote slam poetry, and even made a presentation on 'why you should buy this book'! All of this hard work, and extensive biscuit eating, led to us going to Townley Grammar to perform... CARNEGIAN RHAPSODY! We put together a presentation from our favourite book, but we didn't want to be normal and review the reading book, oh no. Sam came up with the idea that we should change the lyrics to the famous 'Queen' song to make it about 'Long Way Down' by Jason Reynolds. We did our own rendition of 'Bohemian Rhapsody', Carnegie Style! This took lots of rehearsals for it to come together, with singing by Holly and Mollie and the help of Noah in Year 9 to record it.



On the day, we left around 12.35pm to go to Townley Grammar and meet the rest of our fellow Bexley Schools Shadowers! The presentation went well and we got a tremendous applause for our crazy dancing and sign holding! The Bexley winner was 'Things a Bright Girl Can Do', and the National winner was 'Poet X', both great books that we enjoyed.

Overall, this reading group was really fun, and I would recommend it for future Year 7s next year!

*Holly Kinsella, Year 7*





## Saint-Malo 2019

### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June

We had to arrive at school at 6 o'clock. I was very tired but also excited. We got our suitcases (which were far too big) onto the coach then set off for the ferry at Dover. The ferry was a bit boring and I felt a bit sick, but once we got back on the coach it wasn't long until we got to the meeting place. Once we arrived in Saint-Malo, we were introduced to our hosts for the week. Mine was a lovely lady called Josette. She was very nice, but not very chatty.

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June

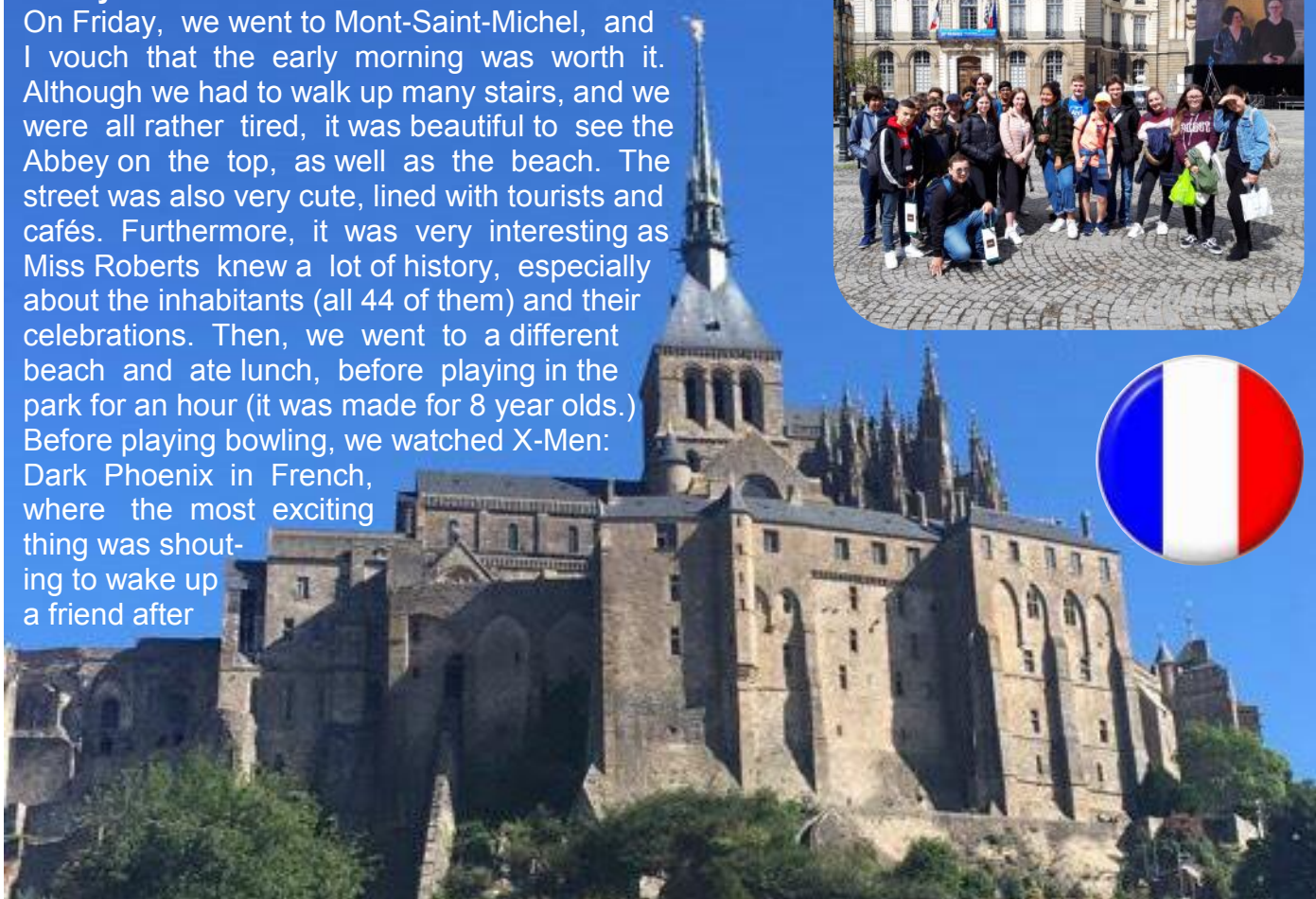
On the second day, we went on a walking tour of Saint-Malo. We got told lots of interesting facts about the town and were able to explore it with our friends. Then we went to the aquarium where there were many weird and wonderful fish as well as the standard sharks and turtles. At the aquarium there were also two amusement rides. We then visited a French mall which had lots of shops. We finished the day at the beach before returning to our host families for dinner.

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June

On our third day, we visited the historic town of Rennes. We did a tour, where we visited several different gourmet stores and tasted chocolate, galettes (a speciality of Brittany) and cheese from the market. After having finished the tour, we looked at the cathedral and had some free time. Even though it rained, we had fun and found souvenirs and gifts in the little shops scattered across the town (including a book store where I *actually spoke French!*) Next, we saw the different animals at the zoo- walking through a lemur enclosure, watching wolves run and tigers napping (we could relate...) The best part of all was when we played on the bouncy castles and didn't break the seesaw with five of us on it!

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June

On Friday, we went to Mont-Saint-Michel, and I vouch that the early morning was worth it. Although we had to walk up many stairs, and we were all rather tired, it was beautiful to see the Abbey on the top, as well as the beach. The street was also very cute, lined with tourists and cafés. Furthermore, it was very interesting as Miss Roberts knew a lot of history, especially about the inhabitants (all 44 of them) and their celebrations. Then, we went to a different beach and ate lunch, before playing in the park for an hour (it was made for 8 year olds.) Before playing bowling, we watched X-Men: Dark Phoenix in French, where the most exciting thing was shouting to wake up a friend after





they fell asleep through the movie- if you couldn't tell, it was a *great* film. Finally, after failing at bowling, we returned to our host families and had our last meal.

Hannah: I think if I had to choose a 'best bit' from the whole trip, it would be the zoo as I loved seeing all of the cute baby animals and wildlife. Overall, I loved Saint-Malo and would definitely recommend it as it is a brilliant experience to develop your French and have a great time with friends.

Megan: My favourite part of the trip was learning about French culture and history when we visited Mont-Saint-Michel and Saint-Malo, as well as playing on the bouncy castles! We would all like to thank all the teachers for taking us on this amazing trip, especially Mr Stewart for organizing it!

***Hannah Monksfield and Megan Lisle, Year 9***







BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

# JAZZ EVENING

9.7.2019, 6PM START

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM  
[WWW.YOURBOXOFFICE.CO.UK](http://WWW.YOURBOXOFFICE.CO.UK)  
OR BY CLICKING ON THE LINK

[HERE](#)

£6/£4 CONCESSIONS





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](http://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

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**

PA can provide these for **only £18.00**.





## Forthcoming Events

### July

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Week B**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Sister Act Performance, 7pm (see notice)**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Sister Act Performance, 7pm (see notice)**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Sister Act Performance, 7pm (see notice)**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Jazz Evening, 6pm (see notice)**