



# Welcome Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

Welcome to the new academic year!

What a brilliant start to the new school year! It is always a particular pleasure to lead the first assemblies of the new Year 7 and Year 12 cohorts. Both were smartly turned out, the slightly nervous, subdued atmosphere of the Year 7 assembly contrasting with the palpable excitement and energy of a powerhouse of Year 12 students; we welcomed a host of keen students from local schools joining our own Year 12 students and took a moment to celebrate their excellent GCSE achievements this summer, including those two exceptional students, Katie and Kylie, who achieved 12 straight grade 9s along with only 8 other students in the whole of England!

You will have seen the excellent results at GCSE and IB, summarised in my news items on our website. I will resist the temptation to outline those wonderful achievements again here. Suffice to say, our outgoing Year 13 have secured the places they deserved at university and at a range of other distinguished institutions for degree level apprenticeships and so on; the sixth form continues to go from strength to strength.

I am so proud of what our students have achieved individually and as cohorts and I am deeply grateful for the tireless work of the staff here at BGS, staff who, having invested so much time and energy into their success, appear as excited and nervous as the students themselves on results days. Similarly, thank you, parents, for your support through the years that culminate in these achievements.

There will be plenty of news in our weekly newsletters (which are published online each Thursday and emailed via Parent Pay) as the term moves on and I ask all parents, please, to take a few minutes to browse the newsletter each week; it is our foremost method of regular communication with you all, complete with important dates and reminders.

## **Two quick items of business:**

1. Thank you to all the Year 7 parents who added funds to ParentPay so quickly after our biometric registration on Tuesday. Lunchtime ran very smoothly on Wednesday as a result and we hope to be cashless by Friday. Parents of any Year 7 or Year 12 students new to the school who have not yet put funds on ParentPay for their children, please do so as soon as possible.

2. Parents dropping off and picking up students - please arrange to meet them as far from the gates as possible to minimise congestion and the associated hazards. Local residents request that car drivers respect their driveway access and do not leave engines running while they wait. Please do not use our visitors' car park unless you are collecting a student with mobility issues. It is very dangerous for cars to operate in that area at the end of the school day.

We've had a busy and productive start on the back of some excellent achievements. I wish everyone success and fulfilment in the year ahead.

**Mr Elphick**  
Headteacher

## Headteacher's Appeal

### Donate to BGS while you shop online - at zero cost to you!



Collect

**FREE**  
funds  
for



**BEXLEY  
GRAMMAR  
SCHOOL**  
when you shop online  
the  
**easyfundraising**  
way

amazon.co.uk John Lewis

Thomson ebay

Viking Argos

Sainsbury's



1. Join 2. Shop 3. Collect

I would like to appeal to all of you as the new academic year begins, to sign up to **Easyfundraising**. The Parents' Association launched this initiative and currently we have 223 supporters. I joined this last Christmas and I'm proud to announce that I'm 5<sup>th</sup> on the leaderboard - Mrs Haslam in the SEND department is in top place having raised £407.90 since she joined.

To raise money for the school with **absolutely no cost to you**, please gift us 3 minutes of your time to set this up on your home computer or phone or wherever you do most of your online shopping and, my most important word of advice, take the quick extra step of activating the **"Donation Reminder"**. It will put a little icon on your browser so that next time you decide to make an online purchase, you simply click on the icon, select the retailer (or type it in to see if it is part of the scheme) and go to the retailer's website through *Easyfundraising*. A donation to BGS will then automatically be made when you make your purchase.

**There is no cost to you** apart from the 3 minutes it takes to provide an email address and a password and set up the Donation Reminder. Online retailers contribute anywhere from 1% to 6% of your spend to the school. There are a great range of holiday providers that you almost certainly use that make considerable contributions (Expedia and Ebookers give up to 6%) - all ready for your early bookings for next summer.

If every family who has a child at BGS signed up, my back of the envelope calculation suggests that if you all competed with my 5<sup>th</sup> place, you could raise £130,000 in a year! Please join us.

Sign up now by visiting the dedicated page on our website which will take you through the steps: **Sign up in 3 minutes**

Or, if you want to go it alone, go directly to:  
**<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bexleygrammar>** and click on the pink "Support this Cause" box.

Don't forget to set up **"Donation reminder"**!

## Visitors from Japanese High School

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July, we welcomed special guests to Bexley Grammar School, a group of Japanese students from the Hyogo Prefectural High School in Japan. It was the 2<sup>nd</sup> exchange programme and was a wonderful opportunity to connect, learn and get a taste of what Japan is really like. Everyone was involved in various fun activities, which led to lots of laughter and more importantly the students were able to improve their language skills in such a friendly way. Later in the day, we had a British style lunch together in the School Sixth Form Centre. During the lunch the students kindly gave us beautiful Japanese gifts. They also created this poster and shared it with us. It was such an enjoyable day. We promised to each other that we would meet up again next year.

*Mrs Everett, MFL Department*



### Bexley Grammar School



Hyogo Senior High School  
2802 Rena Ishimura 2821 Chiaki Tanaka

#### Date - Place:

July 25 2019 – Bexley Grammar School(BGS)

#### Purpose:

- To communicate with BGS students
- To tell them about our school and learn about BGS

### Exchange program

#### 1. Ice breaker activity

- Introduce our name/nick name, hobby, favorite subject and most disliked subject.



- We can learn about each other whilst having fun.

#### 2. Game activity in Japanese by BGS students

##### Charade

Gesture game



##### Hangman

Short word game





### 3. Game activity in English by Hyogo High School students

- Anything goes basket
- Circle of human wisdom
- Epicenter game



### 4. Presentation about each school life



We explained about each school system and life.  
We learned some British expressions.



### 5. Guide in BGS

- BGS students led us around and explained BGS to us.
- We went a lot of rooms and found some differences compared to our school.



### 6. Lunch

- We ate a picnic.
- We gave BGS students Japanese souvenirs.
- We enjoyed eating and talking.



## 2 Animation Culture Among Young English People

### ① Anime bounding

Anime bounding : wearing items based on an anime character.



I was surprised that some students in there knew it. The impression of anime bounding they have is that it is too expensive.



**This watch is about £ 200!!**

## ②Cosplay

Some of the students enjoy cosplay. They are only about fifteen! One of them gave me pictures and told me about cosplay events in England.

There are 2 big cosplay event in England.

MCM Comicon : it is for Western comics and movies, as well as anime and manga and video games.

Hyper Japan : it is for a lot of different aspects of Japanese culture, like food and fashion, and anime and manga.



## In conclusion

We can learn a lot about each other.  
We think it's important to try to speak English and communicate actively.



We learned that they enjoy Japanese anime and manga like Japanese people do. Also I learned that they think that anime bounding is too expensive and it is difficult for them.





## Year 8 KS3 Diploma

Welcome back to all the Year 8 pupils. I hope that you had a fantastic break and enjoyed spending time with your friends and family.

I thought I would take this opportunity to congratulate you on completing the first half of your KS3 Diploma whilst in Year 7. You have made an incredible start!

I am sure that parents will be wanting to encourage/support you through the KS3 Diploma so just a brief reminder that there is a copy of the **KS3 Diploma Booklet** on the BGS website (via the link) for your reference. Each Year 8 pupil has their own copy, distributed via Google Classroom, which they should be editing/updating tracking sheets regularly.

This half term will see you tackle Academic Tasks in 2 subject areas; Classics and Music.

In addition, as part of the CAS component of the KS3 Diploma, we will be launching the KS3 CAS Reflective Journal in one of our early assemblies. You will be given examples of previous CAS Journals to refer to as well as plenty of guidance from Tutors over the next few months. The completion date for the CAS Journal is in early February 2020.

I wish you all the very best in the year ahead!

Thank you,

**Mr Mackle**  
**Director of Studies, Year 8**

## Parents' Association New Year 7 BBQ Evening

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7pm

The first main family event of the Parents' Association calendar and one not to miss!

It's an ideal opportunity for the new Year 7 students to meet socially and for parents to mix with the other parents in their form - also to informally meet school staff. All the family are welcome, we just need numbers in advance. Previously over 75% of the New Year 7 families have attended and had a great time. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Please click on the link [here](#) to order your tickets.

Thanks in advance for your support.

**BGS PA**



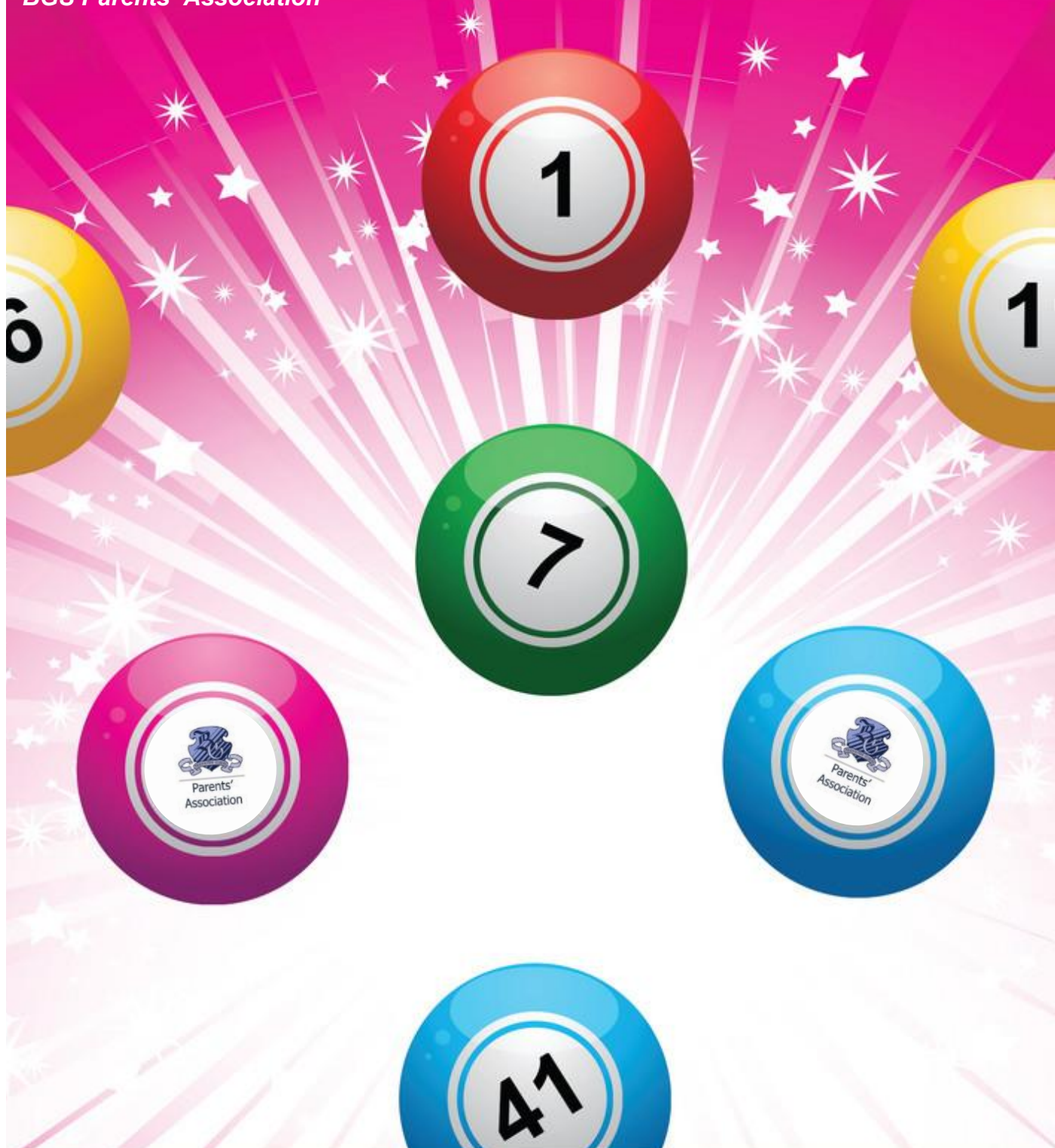
## PA Millennium Club

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*



## Forthcoming Events

### September

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Week B on the calendar**

**Normal school day for all students**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Inset Day school closed to students**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Normal school day for all students**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Year 7 (Tutor only) Parents' Evening ~ 4pm-6.30pm**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Year PA BBQ 6pm-9pm (see notice)**



### October

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Year 13 Parents' Evening ~ 4pm-6.30pm**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Year 11 Parents' Evening ~ 4pm-6.30pm**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Power day 1**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Last school day before half term**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Half Term ~ School closed to students**

**TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER IS AN INSET DAY  
THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO STUDENTS**