

# **NEWSLETTER**

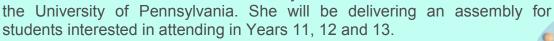
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12<sup>th</sup> September 2019

# Calling all budding medics, biologists, chemists or pharmacists!

If you are thinking about going on to university to study something in the realms of medicine, biology, chemistry or pharmacy, we have a very exciting opportunity for you!

We are being visited by Ms Siew a **Director at eValue8**. She works for a company that ensures the smooth and effective provision of healthcare. She has also previously worked in pharmaceutical research and has lectured in chemistry at



Applications must be made via the google form circulated by email to students.

What a fantastic opportunity to learn a bit more about healthcare provision and also career pathways into the field of medicine that might not be the traditional doctor route.



The House STEM competition will be running from November 4<sup>th</sup> to December 9<sup>th</sup> with teams competing to design, build and race model cars. Teams include two Year 8s and two Year 9s with a Sixth Former to support. There must be an even mix of boys and girls in each team. Traditionally a closely fought battle the House



STEM event allows students to showcase their engineering and creative skills in a way that no other house competition does. I look forward to seeing what this year's teams will come up with!



Science clubs will be starting again with the new Year 7s getting a chance to try out some fun experiments with the support of our science prefects. This year the new Advanced Science Club will be starting for Year 8s and 9s who have a particular interest in the sciences, to further develop their skills outside their normal lessons. Both these clubs will involve an exciting hands on practical each session and will run on alternate weeks. Details to follow!

Other STEM clubs also starting this term include DT club and Computer Science clubs. Keep an eye out for further details.

Ms Lusted, Stem Co-ordinator

# **Adult Evening Language Classes and Private Tuition for Students/ Adults**



Our language assistants are offering adult evening classes in French, Spanish, German and Italian, as well as individual tuition on a private basis. So whether you're looking to brush up for a holiday, are looking to master the basics, fulfil a New Year's Resolution (before the year is out!) or just to get a little bit more fluency and confidence with a language you already know, there's something for you.

The beginners' adult course will commence on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, from 6:30pm - 7:45pm (there may be some flexibility with the time) in the L block. Depending on the uptake, there may well be an intermediate class, from 7:45pm - 8:45pm. This will be a 12 week course for £150, from Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, (not including the half term Wednesday.) Cheques or cash made payable directly to the Assistants, paid at the first lesson, please.

In order to confirm your place on the course, please email the relevant assistant, including your name, contact details, language learning experience (e.g. 'complete beginner' or 'did a GCSE many years ago, but not done much since' and the level (Beginners or Intermediate) interested in. Their email addresses are:

Manz J@bexleygs.co.uk (Julia; German)

<u>Dariac C@bexleygs.co.uk</u> (Charlie; French)

Garon E@bexleygs.co.uk (Eleonora; Italian)

<u>Iribarren L@bexleygs.co.uk</u> (Lucía; Spanish)



Private lessons for adults or students cost £20 per hour and can be arranged directly through the Assistants.

Many thanks for your interest,

Mrs Meyer, Head of MFL

# **Year 8 Notice KS3 Diploma ~ CAS Reflective Journal**

The Year 8 Individual Project to produce a CAS Reflective Journal has now been launched in an assembly and pupils can make a start on it. The deadline date for submission of the Journal is **7**<sup>th</sup> **February 2020**.

#### **PURPOSE:**

Demonstrate the great effort pupils in Year 8 have put into their CAS since starting at BGS.

#### TASK:

Bring together evidence of CAS in one presentation through a medium of your choice.

- Video (no longer that 5 minutes)
- Google Slides/PowerPoint with narrative
- Scrapbook

#### REASON BEHIND THE KS3 CAS PROJECT:

- It is a compulsory part of the KS3 Diploma to mimic compulsory elements of the Sixth Form IBDP.
- Reflection is a huge part of the IBDP in the Sixth Form. We want pupils to get used to being reflective at an early age.
- It is a great way to showcase all the hard work and effort pupils have put in with regards to CAS.
- The Reflective Journal will be graded by Tutors as part of the CAS element of the KS3 Diploma. They will be looking for the following:
  - ◆ Level of reflection and self-awareness.
  - Style of the presentation and the effort put in.

A reminder that the **KS3 Booklet** is available online for reference.

Good Luck!

Mr Mackle, Director of Studies, Year 8

## Sixth Form Notices

### Congratulations, Year 12

Congratulations to our fantastic Year 12 students who have made a super start to their International Baccalaureate studies. The students have settled in to Sixth Form life with ease and are already fully immersing themselves into all that BGS has to offer! We are so excited to discover all of your talents...

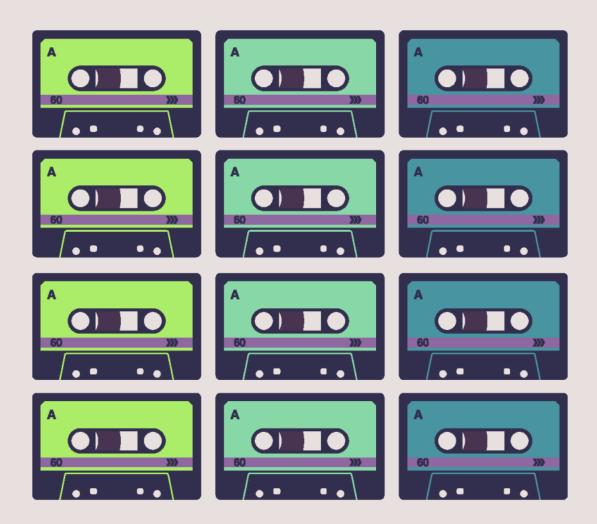
Well done all!

Miss Leffen, Head of Year 12 and Mr Auckland, Assistant Head Sixth Form

#### A Reminder from the Sixth Form Team

Blazers should be worn at all times when walking around the school. Having your blazer in your bag or your locker is not acceptable and if you are caught not wearing your blazer you will be issued a uniform detention.

Miss Roberts, Head of Year 13



BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

# YEAR 7 CONCERT

£3 ADULTS, £2 CONCESSIONS

OCTOBER 3 | 4.30 - 5.30 PM | MAIN HALL

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON THE DOOR

#### A whole new word ~ Year 10

This year, all Year 10 students will be focusing on continuing to expand their vocabulary in the preparation for their more challenging GCSE courses. We hope all students will continue to read for pleasure at home as this is the best way for them to become confident with the written word. Alongside this, Year 10 will be taking part in a new initiative of learning a new word a week, for *every* subject. They will learn the meanings of these words in their specific context during lessons and should become more adept at using them either in their own speech or their writing. We thought it might be useful for parents to see these new words, as communication about learning at home can help to promote this learning.

Many thanks for your support in this matter,

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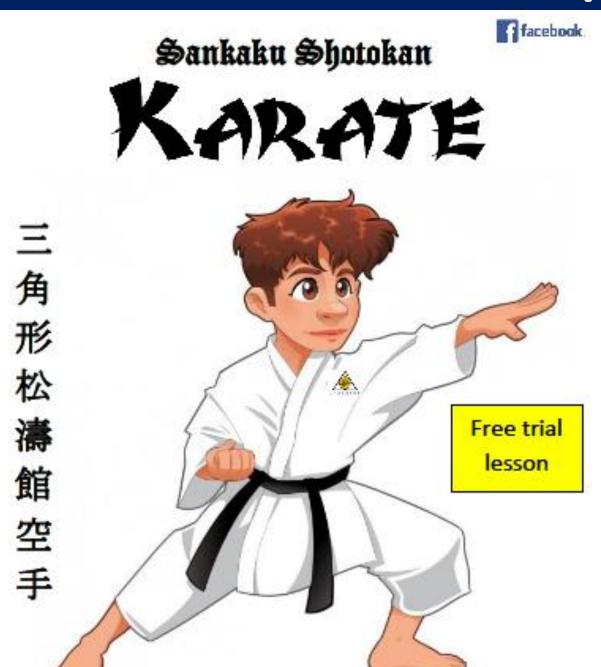
#### Miss N Ramsden, Whole School Literacy Co-ordinator

#### Term 1 - Week 1

**Semiotics** Art **Biology Osmosis Business Studies & Economics** Entrepreneur Chemistry **Electrolysis Classics** Metaphor **Computer Science Algorithm** DT Sustainable Drama Montage **English** Sibilance Geography Holistic **History** Supernatural Maths **Approximation** MFL Register Music **Ensemble Physics** Power



**Performance** 



Now held at Bexley Grammar School for BGS students and staff only

Tuesdays 15:30 - 16:30 Instructors are DBS checked and insured

For further information regarding classes please contact:

Andy Ebdon (Bexley Grammar parent) 07403 879456

www.sskkarate.co.uk info@sskkarate.co.uk



This amateur production is presented by special arrangement with Samuel French Ltd.

## 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! 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 on 27th September.

Please click on the link **here** to order your tickets. Thanks in advance for your support.

**BGS PA** 

## **Headteacher's Appeal** Donate to BGS while you shop online - at zero cost to you!



**BEXLEY GRAMMAR** Parents'

Association SCHOOL when you shop online

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Viking

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2. Shop

3. Collect

I would like to appeal to all of you as the new academic year begins, to sign Parents' Association launched this up to **Easyfundraising**. The initiative and currently we have 235 supporters. I joined this last Christmas and I'm proud to announce that I'm 4th on the leaderboard - Mrs Haslam in the SEND department is in top place having raised £392.90.

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 "!

#### **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 <a href="here">here</a>, complete form and return it, with your payment, by the end of this month.





#### Bexley Grammar School Extra-Curricular Sports Timetable - Autumn/Spring

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School: 7:45 - 8: 15		Year 8 Netball			Table Tennis
		Yr 7-9 Boys' Basketball			Yr 7-9
Lunch	Year 9 Netball	Yr 7 Netball	Year 10/11 Netball (Week B)		
After Schoot 3:15 - 16:30	Yr 7-10 Rugby	Year 8 Football	Girls' Football All years	Yr 7 - 10 Boys' Football	Archery
		Year 7-9 Girls' Basketball		Badminton	
Ī	Field		Spor	rts Hall	
	Gym		Neth	oall Courts	
			Fitne	ess Suite	

# **Forthcoming Events**

## September

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Week A on the calendar

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>
Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening
PARENTS ONLY (STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND)

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

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year 7 Concert ~ 4.30pm-5.30pm (see notice)

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Open Morning for entry into Year 7 Sept 2020 ~ See website for details

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Year 11 Parents' Evening ~ 4pm-6.30pm

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

**Year 11 Work Experience Commences** 

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

Power day 1

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

Open Morning and Evening for entry into Year 7 Sept 2020 ~ See website for details

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

Last school day before half term

Monday 21st to Friday 25th

Half Term ~ School closed to students