



Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival (中秋节)

Throughout Chinese history, the moon has always been culturally significant from as far back as 1045 BC, where ancient Chinese emperors would worship the harvest moon in autumn, as they believed that the practice would bring them a plentiful harvest the following year. Since then, the moon has slowly become more and more popular; traditions evolved: lighting lanterns and performing a fire dragon dance were all included - until it finally became a public holiday, **the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival (中秋节)**, in 2008. It is celebrated on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month or a modern way to say, on Friday 13th September and is a festival to spend time with family. When the full moon rises, families get together to watch it, eat moon cakes and sing moon poems. Together, the full moon, the legend, the family gatherings and the poems recited during the event make the festival a great cultural observation.

On Friday 13th September, the Year 9 Chinese class celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival. The first thing we did was learn to a song for this celebration, called 'The Moon Represents My Heart' or '月亮代表我的心' The song talks about love (as the Moon Festival was also seen as a romantic occasion) as the person describes their affection for another.



The main attraction of the lesson, however, was making the moon cake. We didn't actually make the pastry from scratch; our teacher wasn't able to bring any in because of allergy reasons, but instead, we were given small muffins that we could press a design into. I was very confused about doing this as the imprinter we were given definitely wasn't familiar to me, but I eventually ended up with two decent looking cupcake-mooncakes, a happy stomach and a pair of sticky hands.

Davina Ngenegbo, Year 9

Celebrating the Chinese Moon Festival was so interesting, especially learning the origins of the festival and making our own versions of moon cakes were all great fun. I enjoyed dressing up as the Chinese legend story character Chang-E's I really enjoyed this experience!

Jemma Chalmers, Year 10



Year 7 News

On Monday 30th September all Year 7 pupils will sit a computer based MidYIS test. No revision/ preparation is required from the pupils in any way.

The MidYIS test is what we call a "baseline assessment", designed to measure pupils' developed ability rather than what has been taught previously in school. It gives measures of pupils' underlying potential to do well, and tests their strengths and weaknesses across four categories or sub-scales: Vocabulary, Maths, Non-verbal reasoning and Skills (including proof-reading). The focus of the MIDYIS test is to derive a sound indication of likely later academic achievement if steady progress is made, and to provide us with a baseline starting point for each student. Many secondary schools countrywide give students some sort of a baseline assessment to their Year 7s on entry.

If you have any queries, please contact me.

Mrs Mallin, Assistant Head



Macmillan Coffee Morning Monday 30th September!

We are holding our annual BGS Macmillan Coffee Morning on Monday 30th September to raise money for this fantastic charity. Homemade cake donations would be greatly appreciated. Cakes can be handed in to reception on the day; please label the cake containers so that they can be returned to you. Cakes will be on sale for students so they may want to bring some small change to school.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Gradley
School Council / Charities Coordinator



The BGS Book Exchange

As we start the new academic year, keep your summer reading habit alive by visiting the BGS Book Exchange!

Students from all year groups, and staff, can pick up a good read for **FREE** from the BGS Book Exchange located in the area just outside Reception in the main building.

This is a great way to recycle books you have finished reading and which are gathering dust on your shelves. If you have any books you would like to donate to our Book Exchange, please ask your son/daughter to simply add them to the bookcase just opposite Reception or drop your donations off at Reception where they will be warmly welcomed.

Thank you for all your support!



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,

Miss N Ramsden, Whole School Literacy Co-ordinator

Term 1 - Week 2

Art
Biology
Business Studies & Economics
Chemistry
Classics
Computer Science
DT
Drama
English
Geography
History
Maths
MFL
Music
Physics
P.E.

Comparison
Stomata
Unlimited Liability
Ionic Bonding
Simile
Concatenation
Organic
Foil
Caesura
Integrated
Miasma
Dividend
Hypothesise
Time Signature
Electromagnetic Induction
Skill



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Police Youth Independent Advisory Group

Wednesday 16 October

The Link, Thamesmead,
Bazalgette Way. SE28 9BS

Doors open at 5.30pm for pizza refreshments ect.
Event from 6.30pm – 8pm

Youth representatives age 13-19 from Bexley Schools and Youth Groups are invited discuss the following topics with the police youth engagement team and have your questions answered.

Session will include:

- Stop & search section 60
- Daniel Rowe ex gang member - His life experiences and views of the police.

Certificates
awarded for
attendees

Book your place using the briteevents link
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/police-youth-independent-advisory-group-tickets-72065516901

If you would like to attend, please contact:
Ms Chris Lee
Bexley Targeted Youth & Participation Officer
chris.lee@bexley.gov.uk, 07792 661364

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QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 11th October

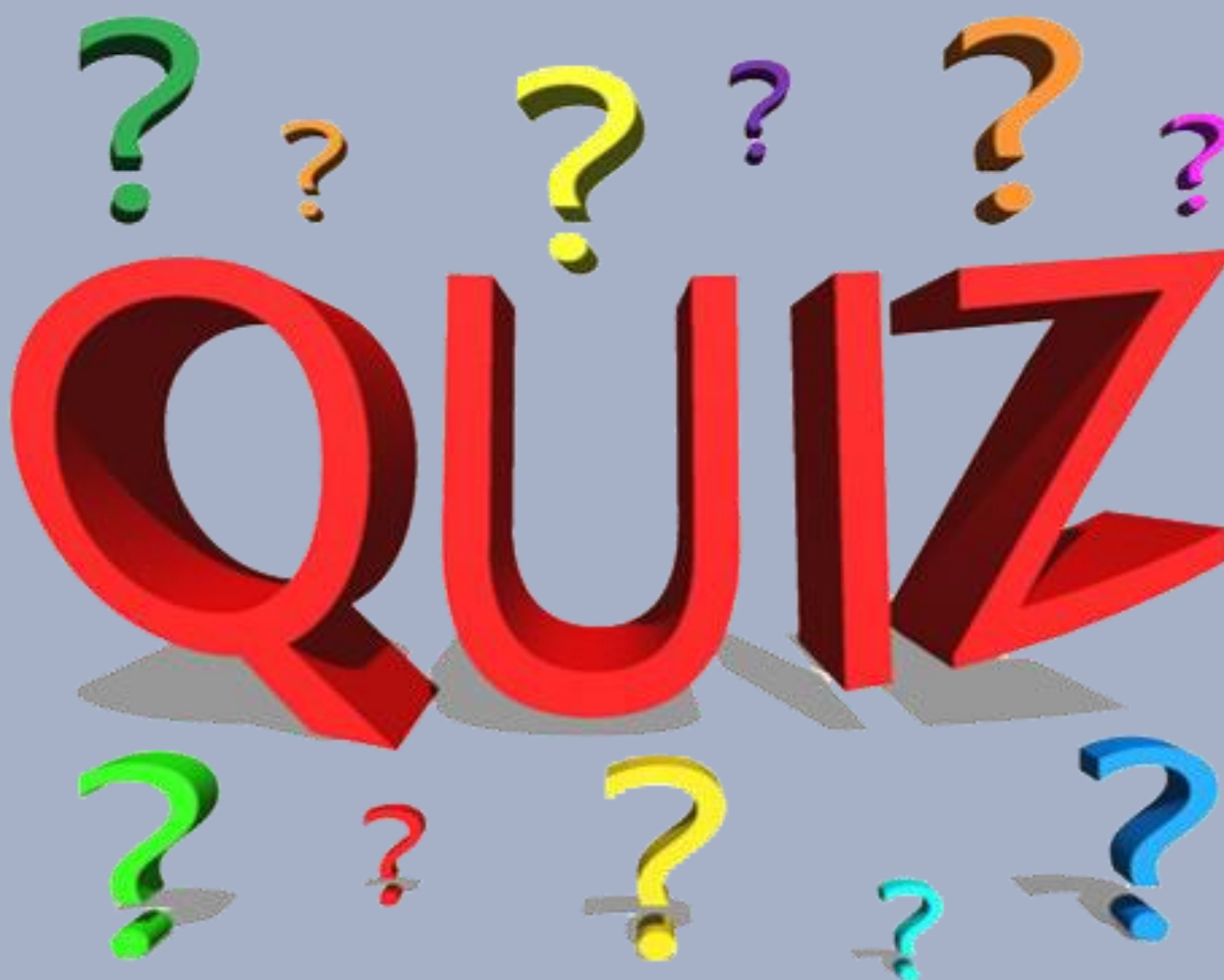
Doors open 7 pm for 7:30 start

Tickets £5 per person.

Max. 8 per team

Bring your own food and drink

**To register your team and complete the
Quiz Night booking form
please click on the link [here](#)**





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
OR BY CLICKING ON THE LINK [HERE](#)

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 25th 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 25th September - Wednesday 18th 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](mailto:Manz_J@bexleygs.co.uk) (Julia; German)

[Dariac C@bexleygs.co.uk](mailto:Dariac_C@bexleygs.co.uk) (Charlie; French)

[Garon E@bexleygs.co.uk](mailto:Garon_E@bexleygs.co.uk) (Eleonora; Italian)

[Iribarren L@bexleygs.co.uk](mailto:Iribarren_L@bexleygs.co.uk) (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

Parents' Association New Year 7 BBQ Evening Friday 27th 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 on 27th September.

Please click on the link [here](#) to order your tickets. Thanks in advance for your support.

BGS PA



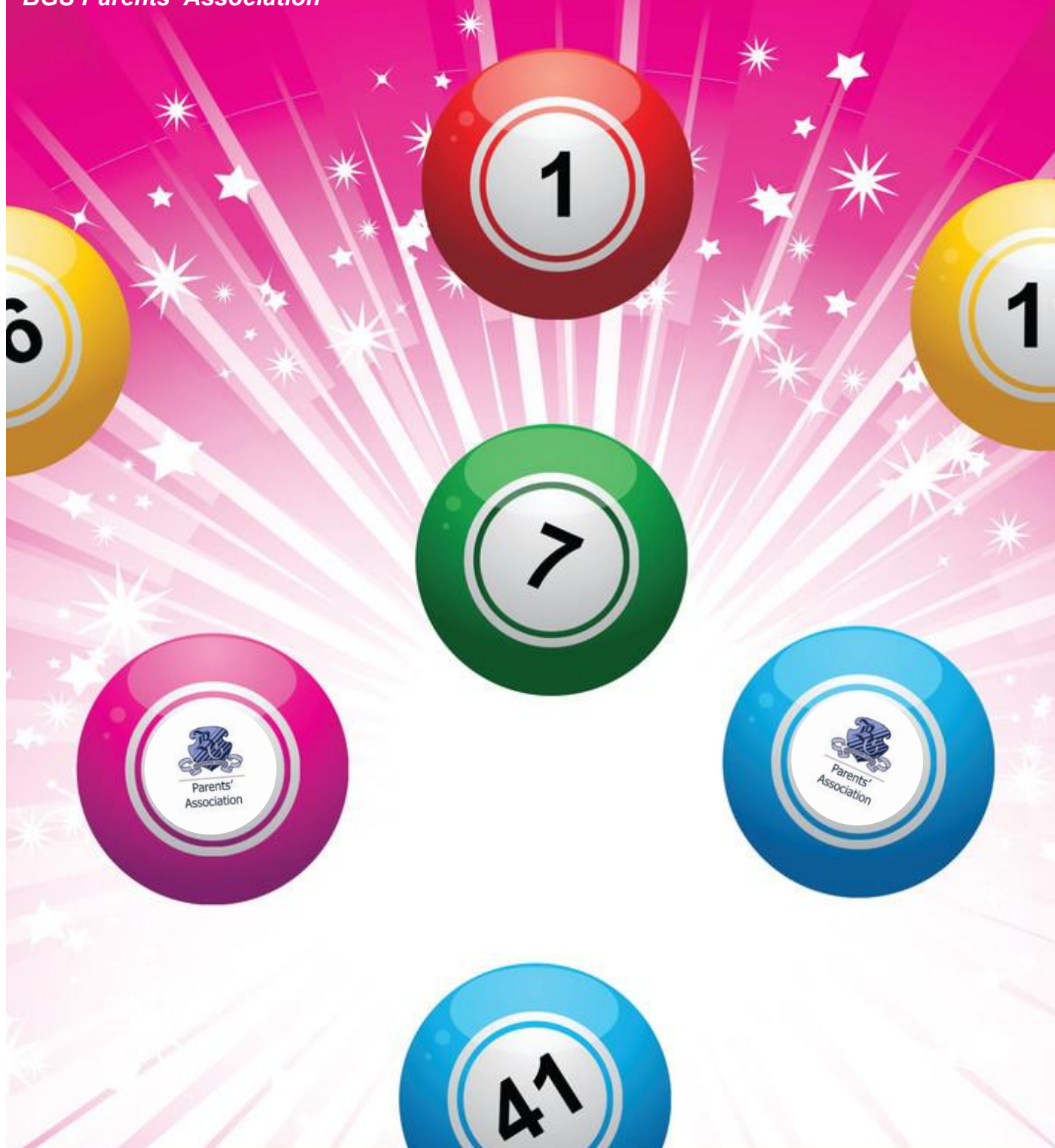
PA Millennium Club

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





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For further information regarding classes please contact:

Andy Ebdon (Bexley Grammar parent) 07403 879456

www.sskkarate.co.uk

info@sskkarate.co.uk

Forthcoming Events

September

Thursday 19th

Year 11 Raising Achievement Evening

PARENTS ONLY (STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND)

Monday 23rd

Week B on the calendar

Wednesday 25th

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

Friday 27th

Year PA BBQ 7pm-9pm (see notice)



October

Tuesday 1st

Year 13 Parents' Evening ~ 4pm-6.30pm

Thursday 3rd

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

Tuesday 8th

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

Tuesday 8th

Year 11 Parents' Evening ~ 4pm-6.30pm

Monday 14th

Year 11 Work Experience Commences

Wednesday 16th

Power day 1

Thursday 17th

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

Friday 18th

Last school day before half term

Monday 21st to Friday 25th

Half Term ~ School closed to students