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Lest We Forget

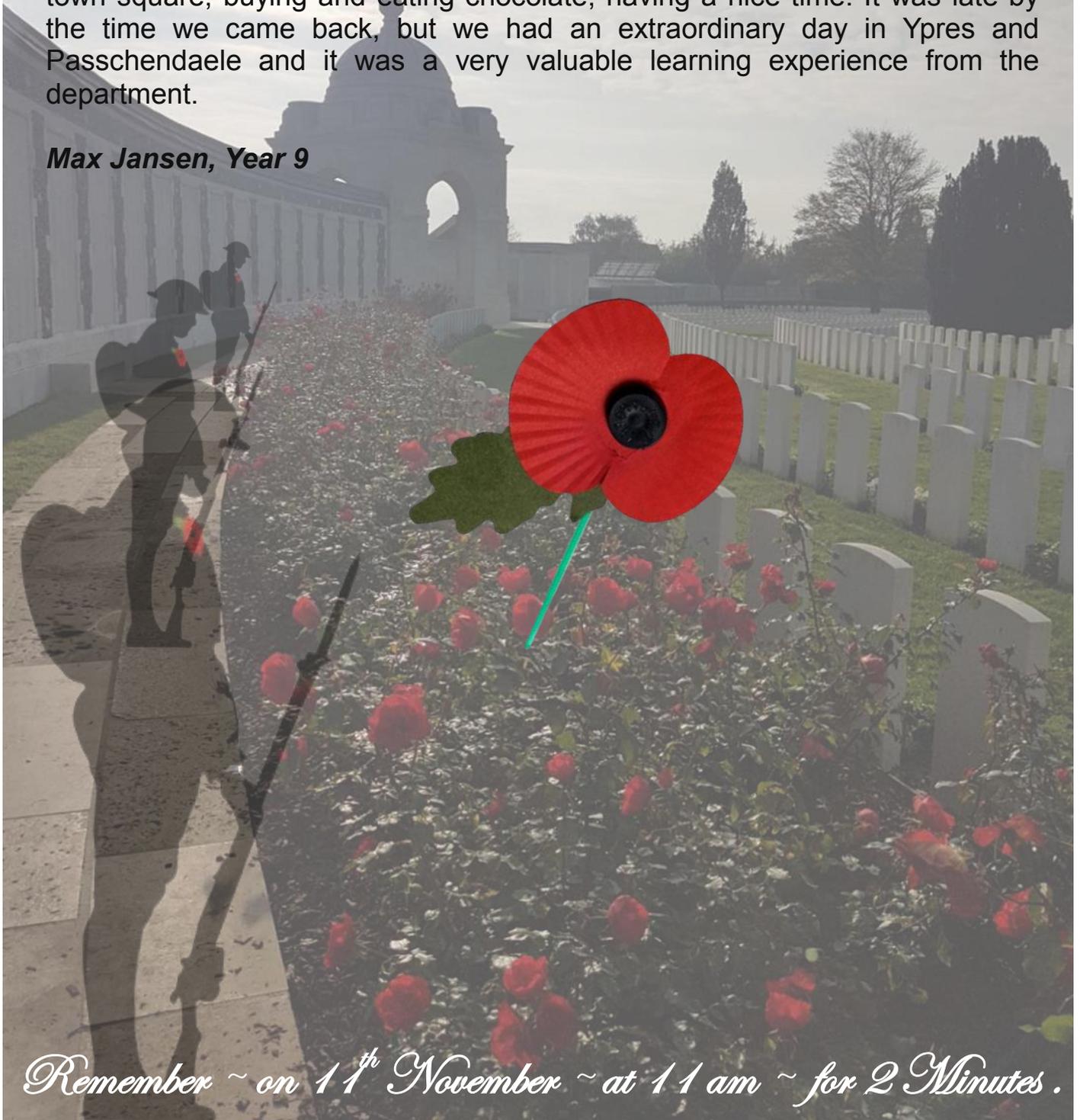


Remember ~ on 11th November ~ at 11 am ~ for 2 Minutes.

Year 9 visit to Belgium

As a trip from the History department, all Year 9s were able to have the chance to go on a trip to Belgium. A tight schedule was set so we could visit a Passchendaele Museum, Tyne Cot Cemetery, Langemark Cemetery, the Menin Gate, and the Ypres town square. We had a great day as we learned a lot about World War I and got to find relatives, ancestors or people we wanted to pay respect to at Tyne Cot cemetery. We also found the name of a man, Raymond Storer etched on the Menin gate who has a road named after him in Welling. To finish the day off, we spent about an hour and a half at the Ypres town square, buying and eating chocolate, having a nice time. It was late by the time we came back, but we had an extraordinary day in Ypres and Passchendaele and it was a very valuable learning experience from the department.

Max Jansen, Year 9



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IB Geography trip to the River Darent

On the 9th October, all IB Geography students arrived early to school for the River Darent Trip. For our Internal Assessment (IA) we're examining 6 river characteristics to see if it conformed to the Bradshaw Model, a model which explains what would be expected of characteristics such as velocity or depth, as a river follows its course downstream. Our IA consists of a 2500 word report of the methods carried out and our overall findings for the trip, which forms 20% of our overall grade for Higher Level students and 25% of our overall grade for Standard students, which is why this trip is crucial as it has helped contribute to a large percentage of our final grade.



Fortunately, we were lucky with the weather, despite having our trip previously cancelled due to a storm. In fact, the fresh autumn weather made it pleasant, allowing us to carry out our investigation staying reasonably dry and comfortable - that's if your wellies didn't overflow! We made our way through each site, collecting pebbles, making measurements and taking photographs. From what felt like a never ending day, we finally made it through to our last site in Hawley, each student persevering and pushing for it to be completed. It was a surprisingly enjoyable experience, carry out data collection methods and being with our friends too.



The data, and consequently the trip, were vital for our IA and wouldn't have been possible without the help of the Geography Department who organised the trip and provided the equipment!



Ben Hunt & JJ Baker, Year 12

MMI St George's University Interviews

On 30th October, a group of Year 12 and 13 students attended a session run by St. George's University Hospital about the MMI (Multiple Mini Interview) for Medicine. Many universities now give applicants 6-8, five minute sessions on different aspects of an interview, rather than giving them one traditional interview where several questions are asked in the one session. We were split into our two year groups (with the Year 13 students receiving the harder questions) and each got a turn at being the 'interviewer' and 'interviewee'. The questions ranged from ethical conundrums to instructions for tying a shoelace. The best station was the one that asked you to talk about research you had read, because I was able to discuss all the fantastic articles that I had discovered (like Spider-inspired double-sided sticky tape for wounds, when stitching is difficult). Opportunities like this are great as they prepare you for the intense (not to mention extremely competitive) application process for Medicine. Thank you to Miss Caley-Gardiner and Mrs Moore for organising this.

Charlotte Allen, Year 12



A whole new word ~ Year 10

Week 9



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

Technique
Transect
Franchise
Electroplating
Auxiliary
Hyperlink
Epic Theatre
Radiation
Contraction
Elusive
Feasibility
Anaesthetic
Expression
Outline
Fanfare
Parabola
Macrocycle

Information about applying for free school meals and school pupil premium funding

Please use the link below to check whether your child is entitled to free school meals and to find out about how to apply for free school meals on your local authority's website.

[tps://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals](https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals)

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Mrs Ellis, Assistant Head



PE News ~ Year 7 Netball

With over 40 girls still attending training on a weekly basis, the Year 7 netballers are showing progression and confidence in their game play.

On Wednesday 6th November, our Year 7 A & B Netball squads took on Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar School for our very first game on our new netball courts. The B team displayed calm play throughout the court and great potential for future matches. Eloise was named as our player of the match for her well timed defensive skills, stealing lots of interceptions from a strong Chis & Sid team. The squad narrowly missed out, losing 2 - 1 at the final whistle.

The A team started with some panic, making a few errors in bringing the ball through court, but our defensive drive throughout the court kept us in the game. The game was very well contested but through our excellent movement and passing skills we managed to secure a 7 - 4 win- a huge achievement for our girls in their second ever game. Lola and Lottie were named as players of the match for their excellent movement and defence throughout the court! A special mention to Alice, who played a leading role in the attack, even with a sore shin! A big thank you to all parents/siblings and friends who came to support.

Well done to both teams- we have lots more games coming up so watch this space!

Ms Leffen and Miss Aspill, Netball Coaches



No Pens Day
2019
Wednesday 13th
November



Lost Property ~ Important Notice

Lost Property has become overwhelming again this term. **Please may we remind parents to ensure that all clothing and equipment is clearly labelled with their child's name to enable us to return to owners.**

If your child has lost clothing (uniform, coats, PE kits, trainers, football boots etc.) or equipment (glasses, pencil cases, water bottles etc.) this term please ask them to come to Reception. **All unclaimed lost property will be recycled after Christmas.**

If any parent would like a spare school jumper or rugby top please e-mail reception@bexleygs.co.uk

Thank you

Mrs Beasley, Reception





BEXLEY GRAMMAR MUSIC DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS

BGS
Christmas
Concert

2ND DECEMBER 2019, 6PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
WWW.YOURBOXOFFICE.CO.UK
OR BY CLICKING ON THE LINK [HERE](#)
£6.50/£4 CONCESSIONS

Wednesday 13th November make kindness the norm and click [here](#) 

7 WAYS TO START MAKING KINDNESS THE NORM IN YOUR DAILY LIFE:

- 1** Send an uplifting text to a friend or family member.
- 2** Let that guy merge into traffic with a wave and a smile.
- 3** Include intentional moments of kindness, laughter and delight in your daily routine.
- 4** Go *slightly* outside of our comfort zone at least once a day to make someone smile.
- 5** Share a compliment with a co-worker or friend.
- 6** Reach out to a family member you haven't spoken to in awhile.
- 7** Treat someone to a cup of coffee (a friend, stranger, or even yourself).

**make
kindness
the norm.**

#WorldKindnessDay
#MakeKindnessTheNorm
www.randomactsofkindness.org



NORDMANN FIR CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE



- * The BGS Parent's Association is pleased to offer discounted Nordmann Fir Christmas trees to all BGS families, staff, friends and neighbours.
- * The trees come in a wide range of sizes available from £20 – £55. They have excellent needle retention and soft, deep green foliage.
- * All proceeds will go toward school resources and initiatives.

To order your tree, visit: www.bgschristmastrees.co.uk

Orders due by Wednesday 20th November

News items you may have missed



BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

DJ SHOWCASE

MAIN HALL, BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL



MAIN HALL, BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

LIVE PERFORMANCES FROM OUR DJ
STUDENTS, WITH FUTURE DJ TUTOR
MAX MARTINI

£1
ON
THE
DOOR

TUES 12 NOVEMBER
4 - 5PM

£1
ON
THE
DOOR

JOIN US FOR AN HOUR OF DJ AND DANCE

School Play ~ The Ash Girl by Timberlake Wertenbaker

Wednesday 4th December, 7pm
Thursday 5th December, 5pm
Friday 6th December, 7pm

Adults £8.50

Children £5

Family (4 tickets, at least 2 children) £20

[Click here for tickets](#)



An adaptation of **CINDERELLA** with an inspiring message to us all about believing in ourselves and not giving in to negativity. The show has more substance and depth than the traditional fairy-tale, but still has all the main events and characters for it to appeal to younger children (and the children within us). Whatever it is you want from this show, *the shoe will definitely fit you!*



[View Rehearsal footage here \(edited by Samuel Parsons, Year 8\)](#)

A young girl's father has gone missing, and her mother and sisters mistreat her. A new foreign Prince has arrived and is throwing a Ball, but will Ash Girl go? Or will she stay at home feeling sorry for herself? Meanwhile, in the forest, evil spirits are planning to affect mankind with their negative virtues- can love conquer all?

Featuring students from Years 7-13, you can enjoy the breadth of talent as they share this heartening, positive story with you.

We would expect this event to sell out, so act fast, *because your Fairy Godmother can't magic you an extra ticket.*

We have introduced a 'family ticket' which allows you bring your loved ones at a reduced rate. We also encourage you to come to the Thursday show at 5pm, meaning younger children do not need to stay up too late and *risk their carriage turning back into a Pumpkin.*

If the link above does not work, go to yourboxoffice.co.uk and search 'Bexley'.

Mr Otley, Director, The Ash Girl





The
Ash Girl



BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL PA

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER

11AM – 3PM


GIFT
MARKET


GAMES &
CRAFTS


BAKE
OFF


PAMPER
PARLOUR


LIVE
MUSIC


FOOD
& DRINK


MULLED WINE
& MINCE PIES



ADULTS £1
KIDS FREE
BEXLEY GRAMMAR
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Important Notice

Overseas School Trips from January 2020

In preparation for Brexit, if your child is taking part in an overseas trip from January 2020, please ensure that your child has 6 months remaining on their passport at time of travel.

Mrs Gallagher, Finance Office

Forthcoming Events

November

Monday 11th ~ Week B
Remembrance Day 

Tuesday 12th
 DJ Showcase, 4pm - 5pm (see notice for ticket information) 

Wednesday 13th
 No Pens Day 2019 
 World Kindness Day 2019 

Tuesday 19th
 Sixth Form Open Evening for entry into Year 12 Sept 2020 ~ see website for details

Wednesday 20th
 PA Nordmann Fir Christmas Tree ~ Order date deadline (see notice)  

Monday 25th
 Power day 2

Saturday 30th
 PA Christmas Fair, 11am- 3pm (see notice)  

December

Monday 2nd
BGS Christmas Concert (see notice) 

Wednesday 4th ~ The Ash Girl Performance (see notice for ticket information)
 Thursday 5th ~ The Ash Girl Performance (see notice for ticket information)
 Friday 6th ~ The Ash Girl Performance (see notice for ticket information) 

Wednesday 18th
Christmas Dinner in the canteen ~ student main meal & dessert £3.60
(Information to follow ~ please ensure students have money on their accounts) 