



Geography trip to the Awe-inspiring Azores



It was 1am Friday morning (yes - 1 in the morning) on the 18th October. The geography team and Mr Rison were greeted by 34 students with 34 suitcases in tow! Whilst the staff frantically ensured all students had their passports, EHCs and medication, the students say a rather excited goodbye to their parents; as we set off on our 5 day break to the awe-inspiring Azores!

The Azores is the westernmost point of Europe and is a chain of 9 volcanic islands in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. The main island of Sao Miguel was our location for the next 5 days. After 2 coach journeys and 2 separate flights we arrived in the Azores in humid 20 degree heat. Both teachers and pupils got excited for

their semi-tropical trip filled with dolphins, whales, pineapples, tea plantations, volcanoes and geothermal swimming! The itinerary was jam packed with a range of geographical and pleasurable activities!

Both staff and students didn't want to leave the serene and lush landscapes of the Azores. It was so memorable that the geography team is already looking to run this trip again in October 2021 for then Y9 and Y13 students. Watch this space!

Miss Ashman, Geography Department





Miss Thurlow relished the opportunity to be back on a boat in the middle of the Atlantic with the trained marine biologists spotting dolphins (but no whales)! The children were super impressed that they had 4G in the Atlantic...typical teenagers!

Miss Ashman's highlight was standing atop 'Fire Lake' taking spectacular pictures of the volcanic scenery with the students on the trip. She also enjoyed, seeing the students admire the majestic landscape and engage with the fascinating geography that presented itself every day!



Awe-inspiring Azores

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Mr Risdon soaked in the rainforest geothermal pools and could not believe his luck when the coach parked in the tea plantation car park and he got to sample 3 different types of tea as part of the tour!



Mrs Belton-Owen was super excited about the pineapple plantation; the only place in the world to grow pineapples indoors! She even convinced our four Sixth Form students to pose with pineapple plants and pretend to be a 2019 Take That!



Big Book Boost - raising money for the Library

With Christmas shopping around the corner, I am pleased to announce that Bexley Grammar will be taking part in the Big Book Boost! If you are buying books online, please consider buying them from The Book People, because for every £10 you spend with them they will donate £1 to the school. In order to do this you select our school at the checkout. For more information, please visit thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost.

Thank you

Mrs Carey, School Librarian



Parents, you can
earn REWARDS
for your school

- 1 Make an online purchase over £10
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Fully Booked Quiz

On Tuesday 19th November, we went to the Central Library in Bexleyheath to compete in the '2019 Fully Booked Quiz' and we won. We all had a really good time and enjoyed using our book knowledge to compete against the other schools!



Matilda Jackson, Year 7



Congratulations to the Year 7 team, they were fantastic and answered questions on rounds like 'Books to Film', 'Who Am I?', 'Food Glorious Food' and 'Lost in Translation'. I explained to them before the quiz that it didn't matter if they won, it was just about having fun...They assured me that I was wrong! I am very proud of them and their competitiveness.

Mrs Carey, School Librarian



A whole new word ~ Year 10

Week 11

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

Perspective
Ossification
Integration
Halide
Polysyndeton
Encapsulation
Stock
Infusion
Elasticity
Avaricious
Derelict
Antibiotic
Formula
Modify
Imitate
Projectile
Lateral



Year 12 Fundraisers

At our recent Sixth Form Open Evening four of our students once again sold refreshments to raise money for Demelza Hospice for Children. Their efforts mean they have now raised over £200 this term.

A big well done to:

Cameron Barrett
Ellie Ebdon
Sophie Irving
Josh Williams

Mr Gilmore, Deputy Head

Proudly
supporting

Demelza

Hospice Care for Children



Centre of the Cell ~ Youth Membership Scheme

Centre of the Cell is an education centre based within Queen Mary's University biomedical research centre.

It aims to inspire and support the next generation of biomedical scientists and doctors through school visits, workshops and most importantly to you- the Youth Membership Scheme.

It is open to 14-19 year olds interested in a career in science and/or healthcare AND all activities are completely free of charge!

Please see their website for how to join and let me know if you get involved.

<https://www.centreofthecell.org/learn-play/youth-membership-scheme/>

Ms Lusted, Science Department



Useful advice for parents/ carers and children

Hello all,

I often use the newsletter to give e-Safety updates and one of the sources I use is this weekly newsletter by Allan Mackenzie. I'm sharing this week's version with you as it has articles on the growing trends of DeepFakes and online Influencers. Both of these seem to be worrying trends for us to be aware of. In addition the newsletter has some other useful pieces of advice.

<https://www.esafety-adviser.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/DITTO-Ed-21-Oct-2019.pdf>

Mr Gilmore, Deputy Head and Designated Safeguarding Lead



News items you may have missed

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?

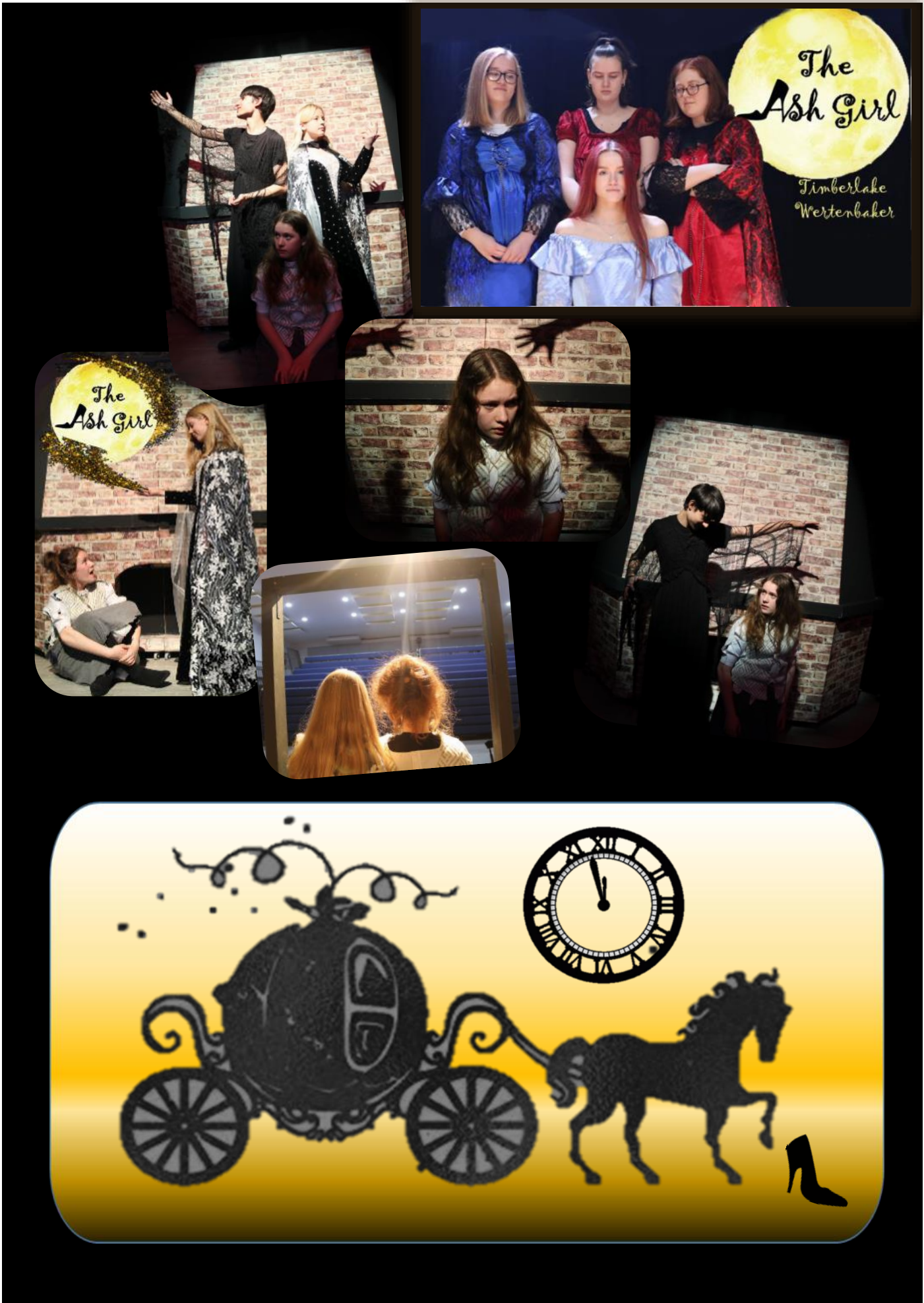
Featuring students from Years 7-13, you can enjoy the breadth of talent as they share this heartening, positive story with you.

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





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

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER

11AM – 3PM

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**CODE YOUR OWN
AR CHRISTMAS
ORNAMENT**

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THE OPEN REALITY

- Work with Augmented Reality
- Make an e-snow globe, or
- Make a winter wonderland
- Watch your code come alive!

At the Christmas Fair
Saturday, 30 November
(12.00 PM – 1.00 PM)

CODE KIDS
www.codekids.org.uk




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**Meet artist
Lee Fether**
at the Christmas Fair
and
create a
festive still life drawing

Lee will be at BGS from 11.00 – 2.00pm

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Bexley Grammar PA Christmas Raffle



List Of Prizes

1. Family Christmas Hamper
2. Family Photography Experience with Portrait
3. Fortnum & Mason Luxury Hamper
4. Leeds Castle Ticket for Family of Five
5. £50 Bluewater Voucher
6. Jack Daniels Hamper
7. £100 "Tickets Travel Bexley" Voucher
8. Three Course Meal for 2 at Pizza Place
9. Dungeness Print by Stephen Oliver (local artist)
10. Chislehurst Chiropractic Voucher
11. Fullers Brewery Tour for 2
12. Thomas and Friends Shark Escape Set
13. His & Hers Pamper Hampers
14. Chocolate Hamper

Tickets £1

To buy tickets for the Christmas Raffle and help raise funds for Bexley Grammar School click on the link [here](#).

**The Raffle will be drawn on
Saturday December 14th
by the PA Trustees and
winners notified**

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Exams News

Important message for all Year 11 students



The awarding bodies have designated **Wednesday 24th June 2020** as "contingency day" for examinations. This is in the event of national or local disruption to examinations. It means that students need to be available up to and including the contingency day.

Mrs Bono, Examinations Officer

Message from the Finance Office



Important notice for all students

Please could we remind parents to ensure that students' ParentPay accounts are topped-up with enough funds for them to make purchases in the canteen.

Thank you

Mrs Gibbs, School Business Manager

Forthcoming Events

November

Monday 25th ~ Week B
Power day 2

Saturday 30th

PA Christmas Fair, 11am- 3pm, including 'The Great BGS Bake Off', 'Meet the Artist ~ Lee Fether' and 'Code your own AR Christmas ornament' (see notices)



December

Monday 2nd

BGS Christmas Concert (see notice)



Wednesday 4th ~ The Ash Girl Performance

Thursday 5th ~ The Ash Girl Performance

Friday 6th ~ The Ash Girl Performance (see notice)



Saturday 14th

PA Raffle Drawn (see notice)



Wednesday 18th

Christmas Dinner in the canteen
student main meal & dessert £3.60
(Information to follow)



HOOK LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL
FARADAY ROAD, WELLING DA16 2ET

£4.00 ENTRY*

Christmas Shopping Event!

FREE GLASS OF PROSECCO UPON ENTRY

22ND NOVEMBER 2019
7-10PM

Personalised gifts, clothes, bodyshop, bath bombs, crafty gifts, jewellery, balloons, books, fragrance and much more.

FOR FURTHER INFO PLEASE CONTACT HOOKLANEPTA@GMAIL.COM
* EARLY BIRD OFFER £3.50 ON ALL TICKETS BOUGHT IN ADVANCE.