



Platform+ Programme for Year 10 Students Apply today!

Platform + is for students from financially disadvantaged backgrounds and Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority groups to support their studies in STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). A few of our current Year 11s took part last year and would highly recommend it for a Year 10 student looking to stand out from their peers. Furthermore, they are expanding the programme this year to include **Liberal Arts** subjects such as MFL.



Please see below for some student feedback. Also follow the link [here](#) to find out a bit more and apply. The deadline for applications has been extended so **APPLY NOW!**

Ms Lusted, Stem Coordinator

I was part of a group of Year 11's who were lucky enough to get offered places on the Platform+ scheme set up by Westminster School. We attended sessions at Westminster school, roughly one Saturday per month for one academic year. The sessions included Biology, Physics, Chemistry, and Computing. In each session we covered something very different and that was beyond our school scheme of work.

We were fortunate enough to gain experience of the teaching and opportunities available at one of the UK's leading academic institutions. I would suggest the Platform+ programme to any Year 10 student who wants to stretch and challenge themselves by learning extra content that will further develop their understanding, and doesn't mind giving up a Saturday morning every once in a while!

This year the programme has got bigger and better. They now offer a Liberal Arts pathway for those who have more interest in linguistic subjects which includes: MFL (Modern Foreign Languages), History, RS, History of Arts and Classics. As well as this, students will also have access to: Network events, Westminster career events and gain a letter of recommendation.

The deadline for applications has been extended and spaces fill fast. Speak to Miss Lusted to begin your application process.

Brook Lord, Year 11



8EAG write to UK supermarkets

8EAG write to UK supermarkets to express their concern over the amount of single use plastic within the products that we all buy.

8EAG along with all the Year 8 classes have been studying the impact of plastics upon the world's oceans as a part of the unit **"Oceans on the Edge"**. At the end of last term the class presented a series of ideas that explored the impact that plastic is having on the ocean and more importantly a range of solutions. From this a *new homework task* was set, with the outcome being that student letters would be sent off to supermarkets. We are now just waiting to hear for the response from Sainsbury and Tesco.

Here are some of the quotes from their letters;

Joe Turner

"Milk is essential to most people and therefore brought in millions, why not introduce a scheme where glass bottles are brought in the supermarket for a small charge and customers could fill these up".



Oliver Meander

"The problem is that plastic is used when it is not needed, you could install machines to help people recycle plastic. This has worked in Germany with 99% of plastic bottles being recycled".



Samuel Parsons

"Why do you always wrap your food in plastic that then ends up killing marine life and entire ecosystems of plants and animals? Did you know that packaging is used on average for 12 minutes!"



Joe Keepax

"1 trillion plastic bags are used each year with only 1 in 200 being recycled."

Kirti Halkhoree

"I think that plastic is terrible for our environment because we're just killing the animals here, we are damaging the coral reefs and are making some animals extinct such as turtles".



Patrick McClean

"Firstly make loose fruit and vegetables available at a reasonable cost. How is it that I found a six pack of apples in plastic packaging for £1.20 and the cheapest loose apples I could find were 26p each, an extra 6p per apple. This may not seem like a lot to you, but when you add up all the 6ps it could mean that a customer cannot afford to buy the loose apples. Why aren't loose fruit and vegetables cheaper than packaged, as there is less packaging, so surely that is a saving to you."





The GOSCARS are back!

The GOSCARS are back at BGS - come and see the new display board. 2019 sees the BGS Geography Department welcoming a new judge Mr Marinuc and we already have our first wave of winners.

Mrs Belton-Owen
Geography Department



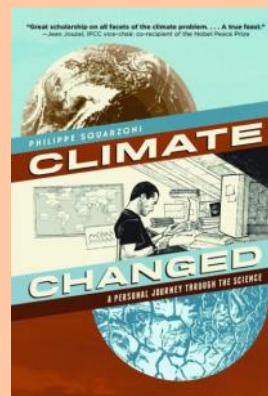
Learn more about climate change thanks to our PA

One of the subjects that the students talk to me about on a weekly basis is climate change - they love to discuss the things that they, or their parents, already do to help the planet, as well as their ideas for the future. The PA has generously given the Library money to develop a collection of books on climate change, which cover the causes of climate change, look at the future impact on the planet, and give useful tips on how to reduce your use of plastic and the carbon footprint of the foods that you buy. Most of the books are non-fiction, but we also have a beautiful graphic novel called *Climate Changed* by Philippe Squarzoni, which I am sure will be very popular with our students.



The clever and creative Year 12 Library prefects Anouk Ardouin-Nesbit and Azeezat Hassan have made a beautiful display, so please come to the Library to take a look. The books will also be promoted via the Geography Department's new Environmental noticeboard ~ also thanks to our wonderful PA!

Mrs Carey, School Librarian





Bexley Grammar School is so proud to announce that Kyle Alexander Year 13 was awarded his 1st International Cap for representing England in the Powerchair Football World Cup in Florida.



Signposting Mental Health Services

Many thanks to one of our parents who reminded us of this very useful service for young people provided by Oxleas NHS

<http://headscapebexley.co.uk/>

We also recommend the online counselling service, Kooth:

<https://www.kooth.com/>

Mr Gilmore

Deputy Head, Designated Safeguarding Lead

Lost Property Important Notice

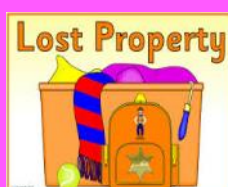
Lost Property has become overwhelming again this term. **Please may we remind parents to ensure that all clothing and equipment is clearly labelled with their child's name to enable us to return to owners.**

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



A whole new word Year 10

Week 12

Art
Biology
Chemistry
Classics
Drama
DT
English
Geography
History
Maths
MFL
Music
Physics
P.E.

Contrast
Saprotrophism
Salination
Pantomime
Character
Reduction
Garrulous
Deprived
Infer
Evaluate
Analyse
Leitmotif
Geostationary
Vector



Christmas Dinner

Wednesday

18th December



Menu

Roast turkey
Roast potatoes
Peas & carrots
Brussels sprouts
Pigs in blankets
Stuffing
Yorkshire pudding



Vegetarian

Mediterranean Vegetable Tart
Roast potatoes
Peas & carrots
Brussels sprouts
Yorkshire pudding



Desserts

Chocolate fudge yule log



MAIN MEAL STUDENTS £2.60
DESSERT STUDENTS £1.00



BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL PA

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 11AM – 3PM

PROGRAMME

- 11.00 – 3.00 GIFT MARKET, PAMPER TREATMENTS, KIDS' GAMES & CRAFTS
- 11.00 – 2.00 FESTIVE STILL LIFE PAINTING WITH ARTIST LEE FETHER
- 12.00 – 1.00 AUGMENTED REALITY TECH WITH CODE KIDS
- 1.00 – 2.00 BGS BRASS BAND PERFORMANCE
- 1.30 – 2.00 THE GREAT BGS BAKE OFF JUDGING

GIFT MARKET

START YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY IN OUR GIFT MARKET. LOCAL STALL HOLDERS WILL BE BRINGING MANY LOVELY HANDMADE AND QUALITY ITEMS TO THE FAIR!

- + CHRISTMAS WREATHS
- + CHOCOLATE AND FUDGE
- + WOODEN, FABRIC & PERSONALISED CRAFTS
- + JEWELLERY, CLOTHES AND ACCESSORIES
- + FABRIC AND LEATHER GOODS
- + CARDS, GIFT WRAP AND STATIONERY
- + FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS AND GIFTS
- + AND MORE!

PAMPERING AT THE FAIR

- + INDIAN HEAD MASSAGE
- + HAND AND ARM MASSAGE
- + REIKI
- + NAIL BAR
- + GLITTER FACE PAINTING & TATTOOS

LUNCH IN THE CAFÉ

- + HOT FOOD AVAILABLE DURING THE FAIR
- + ENJOY MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES
- + CUPCAKES MADE BY BGS STUDENTS
- + TEA, COFFEE & HOT CHOCOLATE
- + PROSECCO, WINE, BEER AND NON-ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

GAMES WITH PRIZES!

- + BEAT THE GOALIE
 - + DARTS COMPETITION
 - + BBALL HOOPS
 - + FESTIVE TIN CAN ALLEY
- 50P PER GAME (TABLE TENNIS IS FREE!)

CREATIVE FUN

- + DESIGN A GIFT BAG OR TREE ORNAMENT
 - + CODE AN E-GLOBE WITH AUGMENTED REALITY
 - + MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS CARDS
 - + DECORATE GINGERBREAD PEOPLE
 - + DRAW A FESTIVE STILL LIFE SCENE
- ALL CRAFTS ARE 50P EACH

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER
11AM – 3PM



BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL PA

PRESENTS

**THE GREAT BGS
BAKE OFF**

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER

**ENTER AT RECEPTION
& PICK UP INFO SHEET**

- + OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS
- + BAKE 6 THEMED CUPCAKES AT HOME
- + BRING YOUR CUPCAKES TO THE CHRISTMAS FAIR
- + PRIZES FOR STAR BAKER IN EACH YEAR!
- + ALL CAKES WILL BE SOLD BY THE PA



You can enter with a friend!

Registration open until 2.15pm on Friday 29th November

BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL PA
CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER
11AM – 3PM



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 purchase your 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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Free trial
lesson

**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

News items you may have missed

BEXLEY GRAMMAR MUSIC DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS

BGS
Christmas
Concert

2ND DECEMBER 2019, 6PM

Tickets still available

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

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



One week to go!
Tickets still available
book your seats today.

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
- 2 Select your chosen school at checkout
- 3 We'll donate £1 to your chosen school

Simply visit
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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

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 ~ Week A

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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 ~ please ensure students have enough funds on their accounts. (see notice)

