

NEWSLETTER



30th January 2020

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Classics trip to Sicily 2021

The Classics Department is delighted to offer this trip to Sicily in the February half-term 2021. This trip is open to current Year 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 students and has 25 places available. Please check the letter on ParentPay for all the relevant details including cost and the deadline for the deposit. If you have any questions, please email

bgstrips@bexleygs.co.uk or
pearson_r@bexleygs.co.uk.

When we are in Sicily we will be seeing some fantastic places that have a mixed history of Greek, Carthaginian and Roman. We will tour the city of Catania; Piazza Armerina with its famous mosaics; the Greek temples along the ridge at Agrigento; Syracuse and Ortygia; Giardini Naxos and finally the famous hill town of Taormina and the Roman theatre (see below).

Miss Pearson, Head of Classics





Music GCSE Students Entertain at the KS4 Music Showcase

On 28th January, Year 10 and 11 GCSE Music students performed for friends and family at our annual KS4 Showcase. It was a bumper crop of students this year, performing a diverse range of music and styles.



Mia Chan (Year 11) and Charlie Keeling (Year 10) also performed their pieces they intend to perform for the upcoming Bexley Young Musician competition in March 2020 - the opportunity to perform some challenging repertoire to the audience was music to their ears!



Our Year 11 musicians were completing their final performances for GCSE: Shannon Sarkodie and Zia Dean both performed 'Give me a reason' on the acoustic guitar, whilst Nahian Rahman sang 'I'm not the only one' with the support of his peers. Rhys Tonks took our breath away with his tenor sax rendition of Eric Clapton's 'Tears in Heaven', and Adam Bridle and Sarah Sanz both performed their solos with gusto.



Year 10 offered a number of group performances - 'Rolling in the Deep' by Adele, 'Hero' by Foo Fighters and 'Fly Me to the Moon' were just a sample of the pieces performed.

It has been a great pleasure to work with all of our students at BGS and to see them grow and nurture their musical talents. Upcoming concerts include the IB Music Recitals on March 3rd and our Spring Concert on March 23rd (titled 'Heroes and Villains'). We look forward to seeing you at our next events!



Mrs Goddard
Head of Music



Our fabulous students are hitting the books!

I just wanted to share some of the Library statistics for the last 3 years, as a celebration of the wonderful readers, we have at this school and how they are reading more and more.

School Year	Total number of books borrowed
2016/2017	4965
2017/2018	6870
2018/2019	8111



I am so proud of how much the students at BGS love reading, and they are always eager to give me lists of books they would like me to buy, or tell me about the latest books that are coming out. As with all schools, the library budget has decreased over the years, but still the students are able to access a varied collection of new books, which is largely due to funding from the PTA, and donations from students and parents. As you can see from our statistics the books are very popular, so a big thank you from me!

Mrs Carey School Librarian

Unnecessary high value items

Could we please remind parents and guardians that students should not be bringing high value items into school unnecessarily. In particular, we would discourage students from bringing Apple Air Pods (or similar) into school.



The Pastoral Team

Lost Property New Reporting System ~ UPDATE

Good news, the new reporting system is working and this week we have successfully reunited several unnamed items with their owners. However, it has still been a busy week for lost property as many items such as glasses, watches and on Monday morning alone, 7 unnamed coats were handed in. Please help us to help you by putting your child's name in all their belongings so that we can return them to their owners.

From next week the Google Form to report lost items will be a permanent feature in the weekly newsletter and will be located at the back near to the Forthcoming Events section. To report a lost item please click on the link [here](#).

Thank you for your cooperation

Reception Team





Year 9 Options Booklet

Please be aware that all Year 9 students will be bringing home a booklet on Friday to support the Year 9 Options process. This contains details of the course structure, coursework and assessment information for all GCSE subjects we offer here at BGS. It may well be helpful to read through this material before Year 9 Parents' Evening on Tuesday 11th February. An electronic version is also available on our school website. Please use the following link [here](#).

Mrs Boulden, Director of Studies

Name:

Form Group:

Bexley Grammar School



**Programme of Study
Years 10 and 11
2020 – 2022
Core & Options**



News items you may have missed

Sankaku Shotokan KARATE



**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

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Forthcoming Events

January 2020

Friday 31st

All students return to school following Inset Day

February

Monday 3rd ~ Week B

Tuesday 11th

Year 9 Parents' Evening, 4pm to 6.30pm

Friday 14th

Last full school day before half term

Monday 17th ~ Friday 21st

Half Term ~ School closed to students

Monday 24th

All students return to school following half term

Tuesday 25th

Deadline to submit Year 9 Options

March

Tuesday 3rd

IB Music Recitals ~ information to follow

Tuesday 10th

Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4pm to 6.30pm

Tuesday 17th

Year 10 Parents' Evening, 4pm to 6.30pm

Monday 23rd

Spring Concert ~ information to follow