

# NEWSLETTER



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13th February 2020

7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Staff, Students and Parents

Bexley Grammar School

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Re: Letter of Appreciation

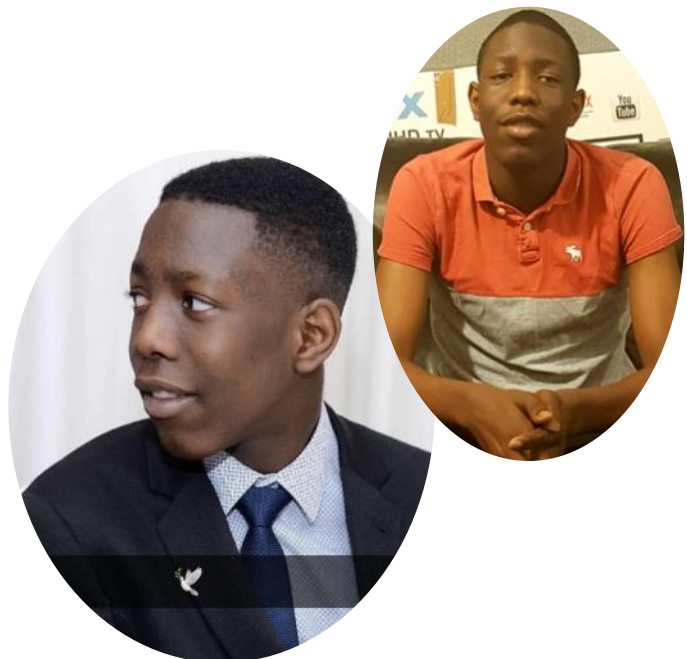
On behalf of myself and my daughter Favour, I want to express our profound gratitude for your love, financial contributions and moral support over the past few weeks and especially during the funeral ceremonies of our beloved ones. The generosity and love we have received have been overwhelming and goes beyond our imagination. There are not enough words to express how much we appreciate you and want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

We pray that the Lord will continue to bless and keep you and may you find favour when you need it most. Amen.

Remember it is not how far; but how well.

Thank you very much and God bless.

Mrs Olubunmi Diya





In the second week after half term, we will start celebrating the annual event that is British Science Week. We will actually be having a range of activities and events that will take place over two weeks. Keep an eye out for more details coming soon!

Our school has long been supported by the Jack Petchey Foundation. Every year our students take part in the 'Speak Out Challenge' and staff and students are also nominated for awards to celebrate all their hard work and achievements.

It is also important to recognise how much many of our students do outside school as well. One such student, Adam Bridle in Year 11 has been awarded the Jack Petchey award by his Police Cadets. His leader said the following:

'Adam is an amazing police cadet. His honesty and integrity are an inspirational example to the other cadets at Bexley. He is determined and a real character in the unit. Adam always puts 100% effort into whatever he does. He drives others with his encouragement and humour. Adam looks to others who need help and will always do his best for his team. We have thoroughly enjoyed watching Adam come out of his shell and grow in confidence. We look forward to where he progresses next. The unit would not be the same without him.'

What a wonderful role model! Well done, Adam!

***Ms R Lusted, Stem Coordinator***





## Year 10 visit to 'Wicked'

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, the Year 10 Music students along with a couple of Sixth Formers went to see the West End musical 'Wicked', particularly to see the song 'Defying Gravity' which is one of the set pieces we have to study. It was a fantastic evening full of amazing singing and some awesome instrumentalists in the pit to really bring the show to life.

Wicked's success has a lot to do with originality and playfulness; it's a prequel to the 'Wizard of Oz' and gives more depth to well-known characters. The Wicked Witch of the West, Elphaba, is a misunderstood young girl who was born with bright green skin - she's also the show's unexpected heroine. Whereas Glinda, the Good Witch of the North, starts out as a spoilt blonde brat and learns her compassion from Elphaba. Wicked turns everything upside down and makes us question whether any of the characters are truly 'bad'.

We were lucky enough to see the fantastic Nikki Bentley in the role of Elphaba; she was an absolute joy to watch on stage. Her vocals were crystal clear and seemed effortless, particularly in the solo 'The Wizard and I' and the hit 'Defying Gravity'. But she worked best in partnership with Helen Woolf as Glinda, whose vocals were a little higher in pitch, but seamless none the less. Along with other actors such as Alistair Brammer (Fiyero), Kim Ismay (Madame Morrible) and Andy Hockley (The Wizard), 'Wicked' was a brilliant night out that I would thoroughly recommend.



**William Henderson, Year 10**





**BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL  
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

# Wine Tasting EVENING!

**FRIDAY 15 MAY | 7.30PM**



**£20**

*Per ticket*

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO ORDER TICKETS:  
[www.bgspa.co.uk/winetasting](http://www.bgspa.co.uk/winetasting)



## Young Enterprise ~ Tenner Challenge

Year 10 Business Studies students will be taking part in Young Enterprises' 'Tenner Challenge' from 24<sup>th</sup> February - 20<sup>th</sup> March. Students organise themselves into teams of 4-5 and are loaned £10 to get their businesses up and running. We look forward to seeing what our budding entrepreneurs come up with!



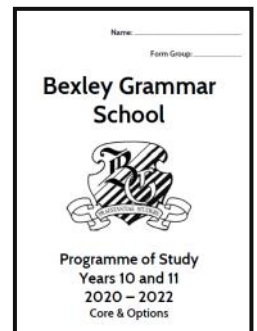
**Mr Joe and Mrs Harris**  
**Business Studies Department**

## News items you may have missed

### Year 9 Options Booklet

The Year 9 Options Booklet has now been distributed to all students and an electronic version is also available on the school website.

Please click on the link [here](#) to view.



## Exams News ~ Important message for all Year 11 students

The awarding bodies have designated **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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**

## 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 [bqstrips@bexleygs.co.uk](mailto:bqstrips@bexleygs.co.uk) or [pearson\\_r@bexleygs.co.uk](mailto: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.



**Miss Pearson, Head of Classics**



Lost Property ~ To report a lost item please click on the link [here](#).

## Forthcoming Events

### February

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

Last full school day before half term

#### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

Half Term ~ School closed to students

#### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Week B

All students return to school following half term

#### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Deadline to submit Year 9 Options

### March

#### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

IB Music Recitals ~ information to follow

#### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Year 8 Parents' Evening, 4pm to 6.30pm

#### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Year 10 Parents' Evening, 4pm to 6.30pm

#### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Spring Concert ~ information to follow

### May

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

PA ~ Wine Tasting Event 7.30pm  
(see notice)



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