



BGS Supports National Bike to School Week

Next week (28th September – 2nd October) is National Bike to school week.

At BGS we are proud of the number of students and staff who cycle to school and also of the various cycling training opportunities offered to our students during Power days. This year our student-led Environmental Action Group are carrying out a cycling survey, investigating not only the number of cyclists we have, but also factors that prevent or encourage cycling and possible interest in council run courses on site such as Bikeability. Please encourage your children to complete the survey (emailed to them). Bikeability courses are free for both students and adults; information can be found on the Bexley Council website or by clicking on the link [HERE](#).

***Mrs Gradley
School Council &
Charites Coordinator***

NEWS LETTER



24th September 2020

www.bexleygs.co.uk



Announcing our music extra-curricular programme!

MUSIC EXTRA-CURRICULAR GROUPS AUTUMN 2020

ALL GROUPS TAKE PLACE AT 3.30PM
AND FINISH AT 4:30PM.

MONDAY	<u>SENIOR CHOIR</u> with Mrs Goddard Y9-13 School Hall + Virtual	
TUESDAY	<u>CHAMBER CHOIR</u> with Mrs Eacott School Hall <i>Must be a confident singer.</i>	<u>FLUTE GROUP</u> with Mrs Casling Virtual By invitation
WEDNESDAY	<u>JUNIOR CHOIR</u> Y7 - Mrs Eacott, School Hall Y8 - Mrs Casling, Gym	
THURSDAY	<u>STRING ENSEMBLE</u> with Mrs Eacott Gym	
FRIDAY	<u>ORCHESTRA</u> with Mrs Goddard and Ms Casling Grade 2+. School Hall, Gym + Virtual.	

JUNIOR JAZZ AND BIG BAND WILL BE
TAKING PLACE VIRTUALLY

Students must apply for these groups using the Google form [HERE](#). Please ask them to sign in to their BGS account to complete this. If you have any issues in signing up, or wish to ask further questions about our enrichment programme, please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of the Music Department.



A message from Miss Scott for Year 11

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the acting Director of Studies for Year 11 whilst Mrs Harris is on maternity leave. I look forward to working with the year group in the lead up to their GCSEs and beyond.

Easyfundraising

Free money for the school when you shop online at absolutely no cost to you.

Thank you to all those who have signed up for the BGS EasyFundraising (327 supporters now). This scheme, at absolutely no cost to you, has now raised £5,507.22 for the school through the Parents' Association. (Mr Elphick has recently been knocked back into 7th position by Miss Brand who is now chasing Mrs Haslam who is second on the leaderboard.)

With more online shopping than ever before, you can be raising money with absolutely no cost to you just by signing up and putting an icon in your browser. Please take 3 minutes to sign up to support BGS whenever you make a purchase online.

BGS Parents' Association

Sign up at:

**[https://
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/
causes/bexleygrammar](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bexleygrammar)**
click on the pink "Support this Cause"
box.

Don't forget to set up
"Donation Reminder"!



News items you may have missed



Adult Evening Language Classes and Private Tuition for Students/ Adults

Our language assistants are offering online adult classes in German and Italian, as well as individual tuition on a private basis. So whether you're looking to brush up for a holiday, are looking to master the basics, fulfil a New Year's Resolution (before the year is out!) or just to get a little bit more fluency and confidence with a language you already know, there's something for you.



The beginners' adult course will commence on Wednesday 30th September. Depending on the uptake, there may well be an intermediate class. This will be a 12 week course for £150, from Wednesday 30th September - Wednesday 23rd December, (not including the half term Wednesday.) Bank transfers directly to the Assistants, paid prior to the first lesson, please.

In order to confirm your place on the course, please email the relevant assistant, including your name, contact details, language learning experience (e.g. 'complete beginner' or 'did a GCSE many years ago, but not done much since' and the level (Beginners or Intermediate) interested in. Their email addresses are:

Koc_s@bexleygs.co.uk (Sarah; German)

Formica_m@bexleygs.co.uk (Marzia; Italian)

Private lessons for adults or students cost £20 per hour (30 minute lessons are also available for £10) and can be arranged directly through the Assistants. Students may wish to have their lessons immediately after school from 15:30-16:30 on the school premises or online. Unfortunately, due to Covid19 restrictions, we can only offer online lessons to adults.

Many thanks for your interest,

Miss J Reed, acting Head of MFL

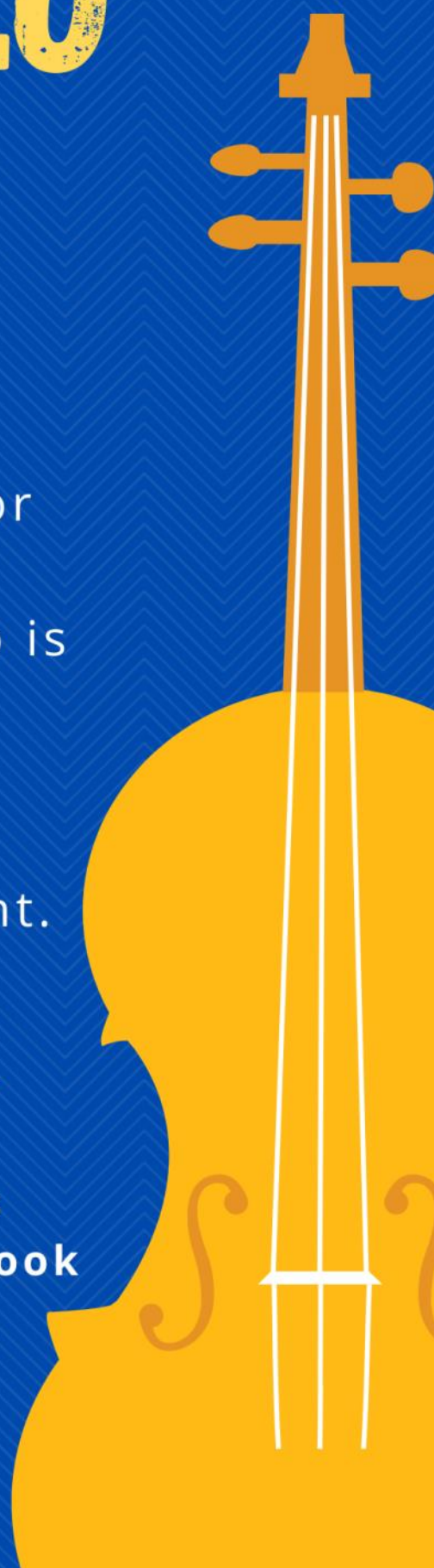


THE CELLO NEEDS YOU!

We still have availability for cello lessons at Bexley Grammar School. The cello is a wonderful instrument to learn, has beautiful repertoire and is fast becoming a rare instrument.

We are offering a free trial lesson with our Cello teacher Mrs Woodhurst from 21 September. Please email Mrs Goddard, Head of Music, to book your trial lesson.

goddard_e@bexleygs.co.uk





Report Lost Property

The lost property reporting system is up and running for items which have been mislaid in school since the beginning of this term. If your child has lost an item since the beginning of September please click on the link [here](#) to report it.

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.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Reception Team

Forthcoming events/ Important dates for your diary

September

Monday 28th ~ Week B

Monday 28th to Friday 2nd National Bike to School Week (see notice)

Tuesday 29th ~ School Photograph for **Year 7 & Year 12 students only**

Wednesday 30th ~ Adult Evening Language Classes and Private Tuition for Students/ Adults commences (see notice)

October

Friday 16th ~ Thursday 22nd - Year 13, IB Mock Examinations

Monday 12th ~ Virtual Open Event for Year 7 entry in September 2021- opens for several weeks on www.bexleygs.co.uk

Thursday 22nd ~ last full school day before Half Term

Friday 23rd October to Monday 2nd November HALF TERM
(school closed to students ~ please note that the Friday before & the Monday after the usual half term week are also part of the holiday)

November

Tuesday 3rd ~ First school day following Half Term (all students return to school)

Monday 9th ~ Friday 13th - GCSE Mock Examinations