

NEWSLETTER



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Our Amazing IB Students

Isaac Frost started learning French on the IB Ab Initio programme at BGS in September 2019. He has just completed the course and he felt inspired to write a series of Haikus on each of the IB themes that we have studied throughout the course. All the French teachers and his fellow students were so impressed that we asked Isaac if he would be happy to share with the rest of the school. So, here you can see his work! Thank you Isaac and all the French Beginners for being such amazing students.

***Ms Adlington, MFL Department
(French and Spanish teacher)***

Identités

Ma mère et mon frère
Les deux m'ennuient beaucoup
Je voulais partir.

Expériences

J'ai visité la France
J'aime les grands monuments
C'est trop froid à Londres.

L'Ingéniosité humaine

Tous les jours mon écran
Est à côté de mon oreille
C'est une vie contente.

L'Organisation Sociale

Le travail est important
Gagner de l'argent nourrit les jeunes
Oui, toi-même de temps en temps.

Partage de la Planète

La ville est bondée
La pollution vole l'oxygène
Les poumons sont bondés.

What is the meaning of haiku?

A **haiku** is a specific type of Japanese poem which has 17 syllables divided three lines of 5, 7, and 5 syllables. Haikus or **haiku** are typically written on the subject of nature. The word **haiku** (pronounced hahy-koo) is derived from the Japanese word hokku meaning "starting verse".





English News

500 Word Short Story of the Week

Corruption

"Come on, Anastasia." My brother, Peter, grasps my hand tightly and drags me along an icy road, our feet skidding clumsily. Hordes of people surround us, screaming in unison, their voices resounding against the biting cold that always seems to settle here in Moscow. I try to pull away, but that makes Peter hold me even tighter.

"This is for the good of our country," he says, his eyes set dead ahead - I have never seen him look so determined.

"What if our parents see us?" I whisper, as though afraid they might hear me. I can't bear to think what would happen if they knew - Peter and I would probably be disowned from the family and called traitors for the rest of our lives.

It is obvious that Peter hears me, but instead he drowns out my question by shouting along with his comrades.

In the distance, there comes the sound of shouting people, but I know it is not more protests. The police are coming.

At this point, my fear overwhelms me. I try desperately to yank my hand from Peter's firm grip, but he shoots me a look so unlike his usual bubbly personality that my arm goes limp and I allow myself to be carried along by the other protestors.

I hear yells and screams of pain, as the police force brutally crash through the lines of justice fighters. Only a few metres away, people are being beaten over and over again by the ugly batons the police always carry: their pain is etched across their faces, but they stand their ground. To my left, dozens of people are carrying... golden toilet brushes? Maybe I was right in thinking that this is downright crazy.

Something is wrong. I can't feel Peter's hand in mine. I scan through the crowds, a wave of panic enveloping me. I need him - I can't be alone!

"Help!" A shout reaches my ears, and my head snaps instinctively towards the sound. I would know that voice anywhere. I begin to run, shoving aside anything in my path. The only thing I care about right now is Peter.

Several feet away, I can see Peter being dragged along by three police officers. At this, I pick up my pace, ignoring the aggravating stitch in my side, and fighting through the wall of pain I feel with every step. I don't seem to be





getting any closer to Peter, and I taste the saltiness of tears that now seem to be streaming down my face. With one last desperate cry, I scream his name - there is no reply. I stand motionless in the snow, oblivious to the shouts and violent clashes around me.

There is only one thought in my head.
I am living in a world of corruption.

Isabelle Gorman, Year 7

Safeguarding Notice

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you're well. Please see below for some internet and e-Safety advice. Many thanks to Alan Mackenzie's e-Safety bulletin for these links:

Online money management for young people

As more children and young people spend money online within gaming and social media platforms, this resource has been created by Internet Matters to help equip children with the skills they need to spend money online smartly and safely.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-money-management-guide/>

Gurls Out Loud

Every day girls are contacted online by adults who try to manipulate them.....our mission is to help you and all the girls you care about to block, report and tell someone you trust

Gurls Out Loud is a campaign from the Internet Watch Foundation to empower children to block, report and tell someone if they are asked by an adult for explicit images. This is very much in keeping with the school's ongoing work to combat sexual harassment and sexual violence, so please do share this resource with your children and encourage them to tell any member of staff who they trust if they have such an experience. <https://gurloutloud.com/>

Please do encourage your child to speak a member of staff who they trust if they have a problem, or log a concern online via support@bexleygs.co.uk

Best wishes,

Mr H.J. Gilmore

Deputy Head and Designated Safeguarding Lead





Geography News

Quick brain teaser

How much do you know about Romania?



Email Mrs Belton-Owen with your answers, merits on offer or if you get them all right: **A SEAL OF APPROVAL!**



Well done to those students that took part last week.

The questions start off easy and get increasingly difficult!

- 1) What is the capital of Romania?
- 2) True/False: The Danube delta is the largest biosphere reserve in Europe?
- 3) What is the population of Romania as of 2019?
- 4) What is the national animal of Romania and how many are there in the country?
- 5) Who lived in this castle?
- 6) What is the name of the road that has been used in many TV programmes that is iconic for its bends that is Romania?



Challenge: Which teacher has Romanian roots?

Sign up for the Carnegie Reading Group Thursdays from 3.10pm to 4pm

Thanks to funding from our wonderful Parents' Association I will be able to run the Carnegie reading group this year. It will take place on Thursdays in the Library and is open to Year 7 and Year 8 students. We usually have a huge number of students signing up so I may have to pull names out of a hat if we get too many students wishing to join.

Here is some more information about the books that we will be reading this year: <https://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/cilip-carnegie-medal-shortlist-2021/>. We read a book each week, discuss and review it, watch videos from the authors and then you will have some fun activities to do in your groups.

If you would like to take part please let me know by Monday 3rd May. The first book group will be on Thursday 6th May.

Mrs Carey, Librarian
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News items you may have missed



PE News

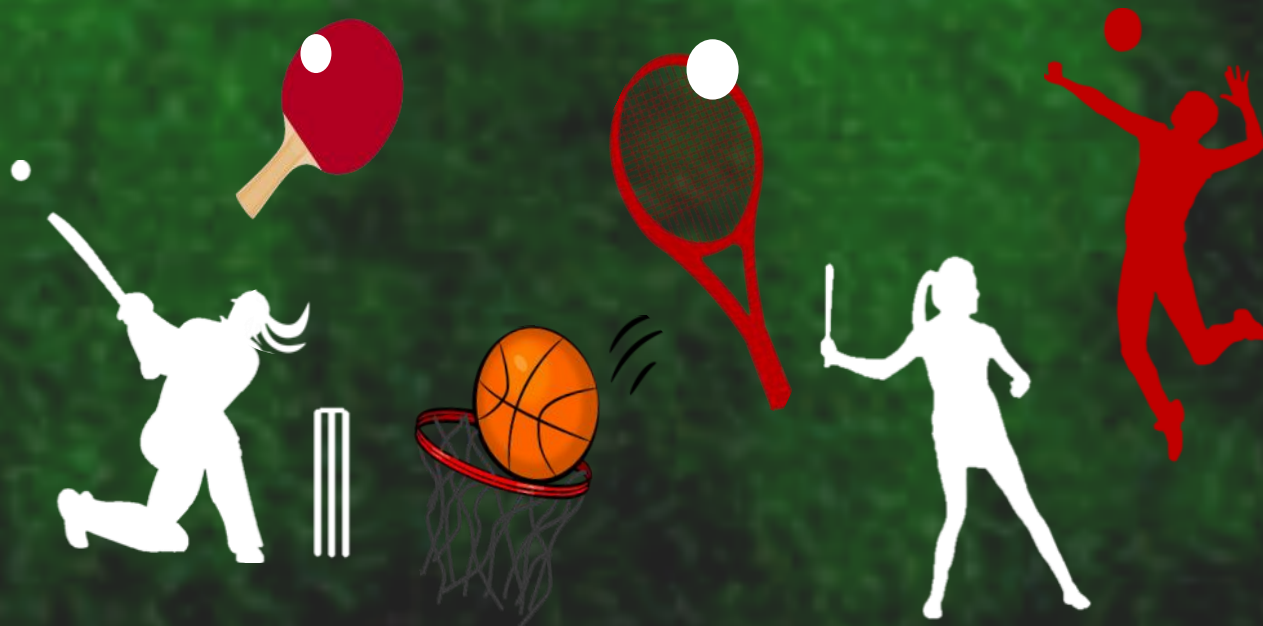
Here's the plan for extra-curricular clubs for this half term. We can provide necessary equipment, but students are welcome to bring in their own if they prefer. No experience necessary. Keep your fingers crossed for the good weather to continue.

Mr Lines, Head of PE



Bexley Grammar School Extra-Curricular Sports Timetable - Summer Term

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School: 7:45 - 8:15		Year 9 Tennis	Wk A: Yr 9 Basketball Wk B: Yr 10 Basketball	Year 8 Tennis Year 9 Rounders	Wk A: Yr 8 Volleyball Wk B: Yr 10 Volleyball
After School: 15:30 - 16:30	Year 7 Tennis Year 9 Cricket	Year 12 Basketball Year 7 & 8 Rounders	Year 12 Table Tennis Senior Girls' Football	Year 8 Cricket Year 10 & 11 Rounders Year 7 Cricket	Year 11 Basketball





Music Extra-Curricular Programme returns to BGS!

We are delighted to announce that our music extra-curricular programme is returning this term, **starting from Monday 26th April**. If you are interested in joining any of our groups, please sign up to the Google form [HERE](#). We are running rehearsals in groups of 15 with social distancing and following all government guidance regarding music making in schools. This will mean there will be a rota in place for some groups - the lead music teacher will invite you to the group if you are not already a member!

Monday	Orchestra (strings and percussion, including keyboards). Grade 1 +. After school.	Main Hall	Miss Todd
Tuesday	Big Band. Saxes, brass and rhythm section. Grade 4+. After school.	Main Hall	Mr Laing
	String Group. For all violin, viola, cello and double bass players. After school.	MU1/MU2	Mrs Eacott/ Miss Todd
Wednesday	Junior Choir (Y7-8). Open to ALL singers, sing songs in 2 and 3 parts. After school.	Main Hall/Gym	Mrs Eacott/ Mrs Casling
	Flute Group (Grade 3+). Open to all. AM/ Break	MU1	Mrs Casling
Thursday	Senior Choir (Y9-13). ALL in Year 9 welcome! After school.	Main Hall	Mrs Eacott
Friday	Orchestra (woodwind and brass). Grade 1+. After school.	Main Hall	Mrs Casling





Exams News

Please click on the links below to view the mock exam timetables for Year 10 and 12 students.

Mrs Bono, Examinations Officer

[Year 10 Mock Exam Timetable](#)

[Year 12 Mock Exam Timetable](#)



Year 9 Options Confirmation of subjects for September 2021

Please note that the emails have been sent out this week.

Hotmail and BT Internet
Accounts Only: Please could parents/
carers with Hotmail or BT Internet
accounts please check in their Spam/
Junk folder for the confirmation email.

Thank you

Forthcoming Events

April

Friday 30th ~ Midday, appointment booking system closes for virtual Year 10 Parents' Evening

May

Monday 3rd ~ Bank Holiday (school closed to students)

Tuesday 4th ~ Virtual Year 10 Parents' Evening from 4pm to 6.30pm

Tuesday 4th ~ After school Karate sessions resume from 3.30pm to 4.30pm
(see notice)



Friday 14th ~ INSET Day (school closed to students)

Monday 17th ~ Year 12 exams begin

Friday 21st ~ Final day for Year 11 students

Monday 24th ~ Year 10 exams begin

Friday 28th ~ Last full school day before the Half Term holiday

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June Half Term (school closed to students)