

NEWSLETTER



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coverage for
National School Sport Week 2021
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 **NATIONAL SCHOOL**
 **SPORT WEEK 2021**

 **Together Again**

**Congratulations to all of our students
who have participated in National
School Sport Week 2021!**



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The Bar Mock Trial

This is usually a competition run across the country which gives students the chance to participate in a realistic Crown Court trial as barristers, court officials and witnesses. This year, we managed to organise two online trials (prosecution and defence) which managed to bring the atmosphere of a genuine courtroom to L6. Alison explains the case below.

Ms Stoddard

On Thursday, eleven aspiring lawyers among our Year 12 students took part in a pared down version of the Bar Mock Trial, due to coronavirus complications. Arguing against peers from John Hampden Grammar School, our barristers expertly presented their cases, and dealt with many potentially unforeseen circumstances. Facing vigorous cross-examination from their opposing barristers, the witnesses must additionally be commended for their role in our mock version of the justice system. In broad strokes, the case was about whether destruction of property by a climate change protester against a security guard occurred with or without a legal excuse. Our school's defence won, and so did the other schools, although it must be said that the prosecution is always at a slight disadvantage, due to the burden of proof placed upon them. Despite all the complications and cancellations weathered by participants, we were finally able to put all of our hard work and dedication into practice.

Alison Balint, Year 12





STAR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



English Star Students

The Old and New

well done!

Inconsolable Claudio trashes his own wedding?

Livid Leonato - Furious Claudio - Distraught Hero - Beatrice & Benedict team up

15th May 1599 was supposed to be a day for art thou honorable soldier, Claudio, and art thee elegant daughter of Leonato, Hero - but it turned horribly wrong. Friar Francis reports that Claudio replied, "No" when he was asked, "Do you take this bride as your wife?". Onlookers say they saw Claudio push Hero away from him as he threw insults at her, "She is an approved wanton." "You pampered animal." Benedict and Beatrice protected humiliated Hero like a human shield. Hero claims that she does not know what Claudio is talking about, "I know none!" Tears of fury run out of Claudio's eyes while tears of distraught run down Hero's. Leonato steps in and attacks Hero, telling her to 'die'. Claudio pulls and breaks wedding decorations expressing that his

anger is unconcealable. Another onlooker tells us that Hero was caught cheating on Claudio with Borachio - no wonder he was so angry! Claudio marches off with Don John and Don Pedro, his face illuminated with incandescent hate. "Would the 2 princes lie?" Leonato yells. Benedict replies, "If the princes wisdom has been misled it's in John the bastard." The bishop holding Leonato back from fighting agrees by expressing that 'something about this situation feels off'.

Those who were invited to the wedding call it the 'Claudio and Hero showdown' describing how Claudio had had his last straw and how Hero had been finally exposed. It was also the day Leonato revealed thou true colours in ways we never expected.

Was it Don John's fault or Hero's?



Isabelle Raphael, Year 7

Super 7+

MEET



Last Chance!

the deadline to buy
Summer Raffle tickets is
3pm on Friday 25 June

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Tickets £1 each
To buy your tickets, visit:

bgspa.co.uk/raffle
.....

The raffle will be drawn on Sat 26 June by PA
trustees and winners will be notified.

Many thanks!
BGS PA



National School Sport Week 2021

National School Sport Week is back! This year the theme was Together Again to celebrate the lifting of restrictions and a return to some kind of normality after an extremely difficult year.

Taking place from 19-25 June, the week has given families, communities, schools and sports clubs the opportunity to get active and put on some events that everyone can take part in.

Over the week students took part in a range of competitions within PE lessons and during extra-curricular clubs and also had the chance to try out some different challenges in their free time.

We had a variety of activities for students to try on their google classrooms with our focus changing each day:

- On Monday students had the chance to learn the iconic duo that Afro Pierre showcased on Sky One's "Got to Dance".
- Tuesday was football day! The Euros are up and running with Scotland and England both in action on this day. Tuesday's challenges were football focused, looking at skills and drills for students to try at home (or in the park!).
- On Wednesday we celebrated International Olympic Day with an Athletics based challenge.
- Thursday gave students the opportunity to try something different, we suggested students give Fencing a try via the Explore Fencing App.
- And finally, to close our week, we were using Friday as a chance to look forward to the coming months of sporting events coming to our screens and to plan what students will be doing to keep active over the summer.

There are a huge amount of opportunities to participate in sport in the local area, please see your google classroom for links to local sports clubs that you can join or try.



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Sports News

Our Year 8 cricketers played really well in the sunshine at St Olave's. Matthew top scored with the bat, while he and Rohan went on to take wickets as we lost narrowly to a strong Olave's team. We're really looking forward to more games next week if the weather allows.



U14 Cricket Team

The U14s had our first North Kent league match against local rivals Hurstmere this week. After narrowly beating them earlier in the season in the Kent Cup we had high hopes for this game too. It didn't disappoint. We lost the toss and we made to field first. A couple of early wickets only bolstered our confidence, but Hurstmere rallied together and put on quite a stand. Coupled with some unusually loose bowling they managed to bat out all 20 overs for 121. Our team talk consisted of going out with the bat and hitting anything wide, using the pace of the bowlers and the fast outfield to our advantage and keeping the pressure on the bowlers. This started well and we found ourselves 31/1 off of the first 3 overs. However, some tight bowling did restrict us and we floundered a little in the mid order. Some dogged performances from A. Mawdsley (25), S. Medagoda (23) and A. Laing (21) gave us a fighting chance, but it wasn't to be. **We managed to score 110 with our allotted overs. The scene is now nicely set for finals day** where we will face Hurstmere one final time for the deciding game of the 2021 season.

U12 Cricket Team



The U12s had their game last week cancelled due to the wet weather. We carried out some intensive training in the indoor nets instead in preparation for our final games. Everybody worked really hard and there are some real improvements in the squad as we progress through the season. Well done to all those who attended. The postponed clash with CSGS will take place this week on Thursday instead. After losing to them on the last ball of the game in our first match we are hopeful of revenge this time. The U12 squad is large and many players attend training regularly and have played their part this season. Well done to all those involved and keep up the great work!





Year 9/10 Rounders Team

Outstanding commitment from the girls every Thursday morning. Come rain or shine they are ready to go!

Fixture Tuesday 22nd June v Trinity - RESULT

Forthcoming Fixtures for Year 7s and 9s Tuesday 29th June.



Year 7 Tennis

A huge well done to everyone coming along to Year 7 Girls Tennis club on a Thursday evening. This week we focused on the volley and smash shot and when best to use them in a game situation. Students have shown dedication to training and as a result have shown great improvement!

Remember it's not too late to come along!





Virtual Games

Due to COVID- 19 restrictions many Bexley Games competitions have been completed virtually this year. At BGS we have had a huge number of students participate in a range of competitions over the past term.



QuadKids

After a full half term of Athletics for Year 8, eight students were selected to represent BGS in the virtual QuadKids competition in June. Students participated in 4 events with their scores recorded and submitted to the Bexley Borough School Games competition. The events were 100m, 800m, Howler Throw and Long Jump.



Well done to our team: Zac Stewart, Andy Whitmore, Jesse Oshogwe, Euan Turner, Sienna Ulrich, Precious Nwaekpe, Olivia Talentaite, and Imogen Vivian.

A huge congratulations to Jesse Oshogwe and Precious Nwaekpe who topped the leaderboards. Their scores will now go forward to the borough competition. Good luck!



Girls' Football

Our Year 7 girls took part in the girls' football competition in April. They tried a variety of football skills and drills within their PE lessons in April. We hope to increase our participation in Girls' Football next academic year both in PE lessons and within our extra-curricular clubs - watch this space!

Spring Finals Activities

BGS had the most participants in the Spring Finals activities in Football and Netball in the spring term with all students across Year 7 to 11 contributing to our entry. You can follow our progress on the Bexley School Games Twitter page on [@BexSchGames](https://twitter.com/BexSchGames).



Virtual Basketball

The Year 9 & 10 Basketball team took part in our virtual basketball tournament this term. Students competed as a team in a range of skills and drills. Well done to both teams who secured some excellent scores. Results are yet to be announced.





Rugby League

Some of our Year 8s took part in the virtual Rugby League skills and drills competition in April. Students tried out various skills and competed virtually across the country. This was many of our students' first experience at rugby league and lots showed great skill and flair- well done!

A Summer of Sport

After COVID-19 hugely impacted the 2020 sporting calendar, 2021 is full of fantastic sporting events for you to watch and support.

Euro 2020 started a year late on 11th June 2021 and consists of 51 matches in 12 cities across Europe, with England, Wales and Scotland all qualifying for a spot, there are plenty of chances to show your support for our teams!



The Wimbledon Championships return on 28th June, with the women's finals being played on 10th July and men's on 11th July where we may see championship favourites, Naomi Osaka and Novak Djokovic fighting to grab the top spot!



On 23rd July Tokyo will stage the opening ceremony of the 32nd Olympic Games, where Great Britain's athletes will seek to improve on the 67 medals they won at Rio 2016. As always, we have plenty to be excited about at this year's Olympics with a lot of athletes gearing up for the biggest sporting event in the world, across 33 different sports.



While the Olympics are in full swing, rugby union's British and Irish Lions attempt to challenge world champions South Africa in a three-Test series.



The Paralympic Games get under way in Japan on 24th August with the British team seeking to build on their incredible success in Rio four years ago when they came home with 147 medals in total, as well as second place in the medal table.

We will also have lots of cricket to watch this summer too. We have a test series against India, the inaugural Hundred,

World Test Championship, T20 matches, the World T20 championships and the Ashes to entertain us! Plus golf events in the Open, Solheim Cup and the Ryder Cup, the Tour De France, the London Marathon and the Rugby League World Cup, and the non-stop sporting action continues throughout the autumn.





Sporting Calendar

11 June-11 July: Football - Euro 2020

26 Jun-18 July: Cycling - Tour de France

28 June-11 July: Tennis - Wimbledon

13: Athletics - Diamond League: Anniversary Games at London Stadium

15-18 July: Golf - The Open at Royal St George's

17 July: Rugby League - Challenge Cup final at Wembley

21 Jul-21 August: Cricket - The Hundred

23 July-8 August: Olympic Games in Tokyo

24, 31 July & 7 August: Rugby Union - South Africa v British and Irish Lions Test series

4 August-14 September: Cricket - England v India five Test series

19-22 August: Golf - Women's British Open

24 August-5 September: Paralympic Games in Tokyo

30 August-12 September: Tennis - US Open

4-6 September: Golf - Solheim Cup

24-26 September: Golf - Ryder Cup

3 October: Athletics - London Marathon

18 October-15 November: Cricket - Men's T20 World Cup in India

23 October-27 November: Rugby League - World Cup in England (men's, women's and wheelchair tournaments)





Orienteering

We're really grateful to the Parents' Association for funding the purchase of markers for a new orienteering course for KS3 students to follow in orienteering lessons. Our friends at Dartford Orienteering Klubb have mapped the school site for us, and we cannot wait to get racing in the autumn term!

Come and Try Orienteering - A sport the whole family will enjoy!

Pre-entry essential at racesignup.co.uk (no entry on the day)

Come along, have fun in the fresh air while improving your fitness!



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WHAT is ORIENTEERING? An outdoor adventure sport where the object is to visit a number of checkpoints in the shortest time possible using a map and compass to find them. You can walk, jog or run at a pace that suits. There are different length courses ranging from 2.5 to 6.5km, so something for everyone.

WHERE: Danson Park,
Bexleyheath

WHEN: Saturday 3rd July 2021

STARTS: From 11 until 12.30pm

PRICES:

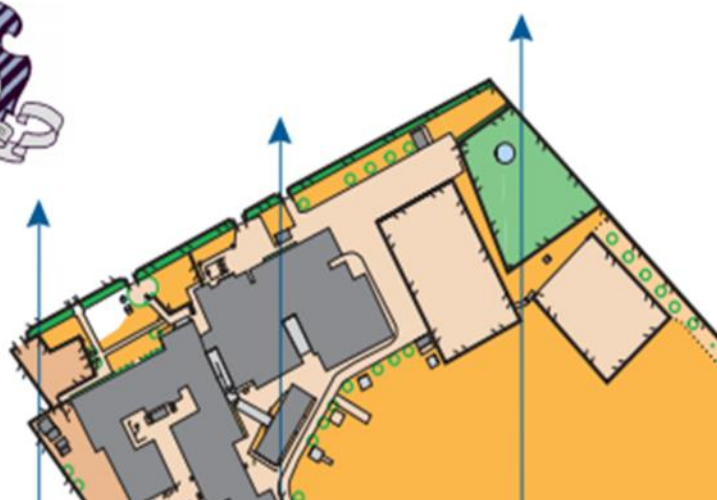
Juniors (under 21 years) - £3

Adults - £6

Groups - £6

For more information go to:

dfok.co.uk



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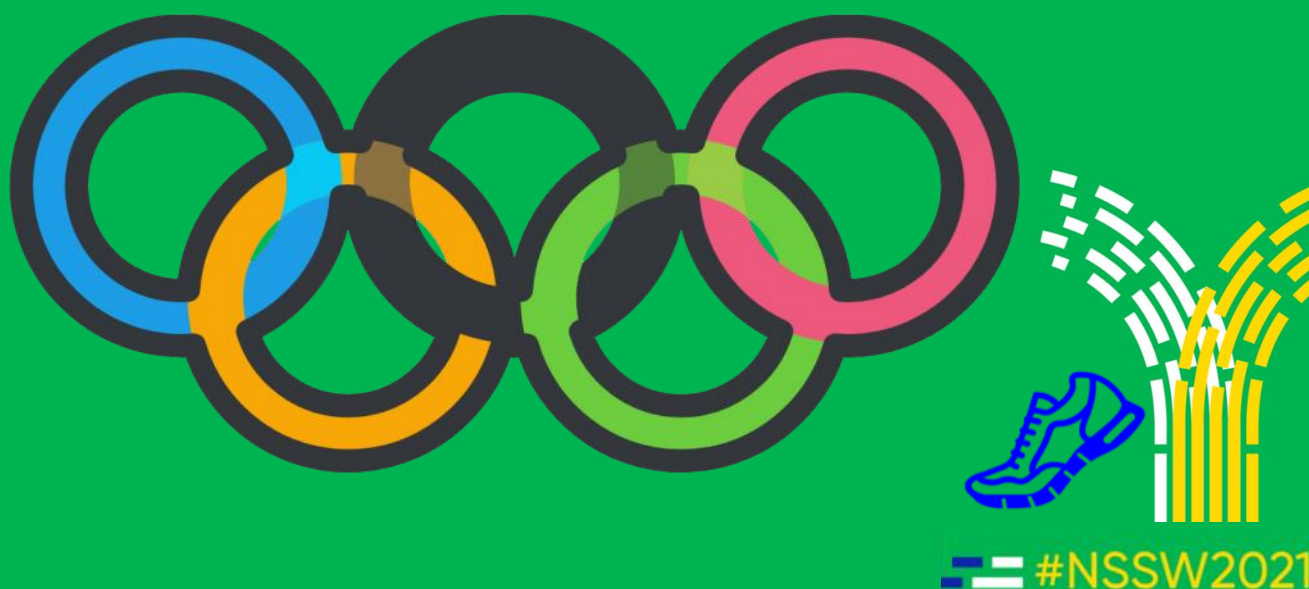
Tokyo 2020 is coming!

The Olympic Paralympic Games are almost here and we'd like pupils to Share Your Pride and support for Team GB and Paralympics GB and be a part of the action as they go for Gold in Tokyo this summer.

Get Set and Adidas have teamed up to create the Design a Trainer challenge this summer. It's time to get creative and design your very own trainer for an Olympic or Paralympic athlete. Once you've made your trainer as unique and colourful as possible, email them to getset@getset.co.uk for the chance to win a pair of Adidas trainers!

Download the template from your Google classroom and follow the instructions on how to enter.

Good luck!





BGS National School Sport Week 2021 Diary

Monday

Monday dawned with some very poor weather, but we're lucky to have both the sports hall and gym available for lessons (the single benefit of no exams this year!). Year 9 and 10 got us started with some volleyball and Danish longball which was super competitive.



The Year 7s enjoyed a tightly contested benchball tournament, with the white team narrowly securing victory in the last game!

Year 8 girls were in fierce competition to gain the title of 'Rounders Circuit Champions'. Winners with a whopping score of 616 were Lottie, Alice, Eve and Poppy. An additional medal for effort went to Jess for her commitment and enthusiasm throughout the lesson.



Tuesday

Tuesday kicked off with some athletics in fairly damp weather. The girls worked on their sprinting indoors, with Ese, Evie and Megan roaring to victory, while the boys made some brilliant throws in the discus, with Timothy narrowly winning over Lanre, Sadun and Ethan!



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The afternoon saw our Year 8 girls compete in an indoor rounders competition. The girls were super competitive with our winning team securing a 12.5 to 8.5 rounder victory. The Year 8 boys took on a tennis challenge, where Joseph, Gen, Andy and Jesse grabbed the top spot!

The Year 7 girls worked hard in the Rounders Circuit challenge where Kitty, Aliza, Emily and Zahra were crowned rounders Champions!



TEAM
WORK



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Year 9 rounders v Trinity on Tuesday 22nd June. We lost the first innings and with a new set of bats we stormed the second innings! Rapid bowling from Sophie, bash to head by Isobel, but she battled through, super hands from Bariyah. Player of the match voted by the opposition was for Neve Morgan. Well done ladies! You need to work on the singing on the minibus for our away matches!

Mrs Kemp

Wednesday

Wednesday had all sorts of action going on in some glorious sunshine. The Year 7 girls crowned class champions for rounders, while Michael and Chizu were proud winners of Mr Mackle's Year 9 tennis tournament! Further winners came in the year 8 cricket lesson in the afternoon, and Year 9 high jump and Year 10 volleyball events in other lessons. Wednesday was completed with cricket matches for the Year 8s and Year 9s against Chislehurst & Sidcup GS, with the Year 8s roaring to a brilliant victory.



**TEAM
WORK**





Thursday

Thursday started with a tennis challenge in the Year 8 tennis club. Points were awarded for returning a fed ball accurately to the target, and the trophy for highest score went to Zachary, who scored 11 points! The Year 9 rounders team were out working on their skills, too. Highlights for today include some athletics for Year 9, and more striking and fielding for Years 7 and 8.



Friday

On Friday we will be continuing our challenges within lessons, where some of our Year 7 students will be competing in a rounders tournament, year 8's will be completing the return challenge and our Year 9s will be trying to break records in various athletic events!

Well done to all students for participating in national school sports week 2021.

TEAM WORK



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Geography News

Quick brain teaser

How much do you know about?



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.

Geography of SPORT this week as all things sporty are beginning to take place! WEEK 2

- 1) Which city held the first Olympic Games and in which country is this?
- 2) What will be unusual about the beds used by Athletics at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics?
- 3) What do the 5 Olympic rings represent?
- 4) In which borough of London are the key buildings of the London Olympics of 2021?
- 5) How many countries attend the Olympic Games?
- 6) Why was a new flag designed for a new team in Rio 2016 Olympics?

Bonus 1: TRUE/ FALSE: Skateboarding will be part of the Olympic games for the first time this year.

Bonus 2: What is the height of the highest men's diving platform in the Olympic Games?

Juicy fact: English and French are recognised as the official language of the Olympic Games!

Stride Forward 2021 National Competition Details

As we emerge from the pandemic, Youth Mental Health Day 2021 will focus on how young people can **STRIDE FORWARD** with their mental health. It will invite young people across the country to reflect on how the last year has impacted their lives and share how they will stride forward and move towards more positive wellbeing.

While Youth Mental Health Day isn't until September, BGS has teamed up with teenage mental health provider Stem4 to give students a chance for their work to be part of the national campaign.

Students from Year 7 and 8 will be encouraged to reflect on their experience of the pandemic during the Power Day on Monday 28th June and will be set the challenge of expressing their experience in a creative way. It could be anything... a painting, poem, paper mâché creation, play, rap, short story, drawing, song, dance, or anything that expresses the

stem4
supporting teenage mental health



**YOUTH MENTAL
HEALTH DAY**
7th September



feelings that they have gone through.

Work will be reviewed by an expert and celebrity panel and entries of note will go on to be highlighted as part of the national campaign. Our students will also be given priority for selection for a future 'Stride Forward Exhibition' in a London Gallery and they will have the chance to be featured in Stem4 promotional material to promote and support student mental health.

Even though we are working primarily with Key Stage Three, we welcome entries from any year group. To be in with a chance of winning, please submit your entries to Ms Brand (Mental Health Lead - brand_s@bexleygs.co.uk) before Friday 24th July.

To be honest, over the last year I have felt

To #StrideForward I am setting myself a goal to

#YMHD #StrideForward ymhd.co.uk

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH DAY
7th September

stem4
supporting teenage mental health
registered charity No. 1144906

Safeguarding and e-Safety Notice

Further to my notice last week about the use of social media, and its age restrictions, Internet Matters have produced a section on social media concerns for parents / carers on their website -

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/social-media-concerns/>

As well as concerns, the website also points to the advantages of social media when used responsibly.

For those of you whose children enjoy games such as Fifa and Fortnite, where opening packs and loot boxes is common, there is an update from this website:

<https://www.eurogamer.net/articles/2021-06-18-ea-adds-ultimate-team-loot-boxes-that-let-you-see-all-items-before-you-buy-in-most-significant-shakeup-of-fifa-series-in-years>

It may well be worth a conversation about how much time and money children are spending on this part of the game, as purchasing Fifa Points, V-Bucks, Robux etc. is essentially a form of gambling, even if the young people don't always view it as such.

Best wishes,

Mr H.J. Gilmore
Deputy Head and Designated Safeguarding Lead



internet
matters.org



News items that you may have missed

BGS ARTSFEST!

TUESDAY 20 JULY 2021

4 - 6PM

To mark the end of the school year, Music, Drama, Art and DT have come together to put on our own festival for you! Featuring exhibitions, food, music and drama, there will be something for everyone!

**TICKETS: £5
PER HEAD
(AVAILABLE ON
PARENTPAY)
BRING A
DECKCHAIR OR
PICNIC RUG**



MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL LESSON APPLICATIONS FOR 2021-22 ARE NOW OPEN!

We offer lessons on a number of instruments, from cello, violin, flute, clarinet, piano, brass and drum kit! FutureDJs will also be making a return.

If you'd like to start lessons at BGS next year, click on the link below!

APPLY ONLINE

**[HTTPS://WWW.BGSPERFORMINGARTS.COM/
INSTRUMENTAL-LESSONS.HTML](https://www.bgsp Performing Arts.com/instrumental-lessons.html)**



Forthcoming Events

June

Friday 25th, 3pm ~ Last day to purchase PA raffle tickets (see notice)

Saturday 26th ~ PA summer raffle (see notice)



Monday 28th ~ Year 7 Virtual Appointment booking system opens at midday

July

Monday 5th ~ Year 7 Virtual Appointment booking system closes at midday

Monday 5th ~ Year 8 Virtual Appointment booking system opens at midday

Tuesday 6th ~ Year 7 Virtual Parents' Evening 4pm-6.30pm

Monday 12th ~ Year 8 Virtual Appointment booking system closes at midday

Tuesday 13th ~ Year 8 Virtual Parents' Evening 4pm-6.30pm (letter to follow next week)

Tuesday 20th ~ BGS Artsfest (see notice)



Wednesday 21st ~ Last day of summer term

