

# NEWSLETTER



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## Mid Autumn Festival 中秋节

你好 this week is International Celebration week, and during our Chinese lesson, we learnt about the Mid Autumn Festival 中秋节 and how it is celebrated in China. We learnt about the way it symbolizes the gathering of friends and family and the gratitude for a good harvest. We also learnt the date on which the Mid Autumn Festival is held, being the 15th day of the 8th Lunar month of the year. It is also believed that on the night of the festival, the moon will be at its brightest and fullest of the year. In my opinion, the Mid Autumn Festival is similar to the Western harvest festival as they both symbolize the thanks given for a good harvest. I was most curious about the stories surrounding the Mid Autumn Festival such as how Chang'e flew to the moon by becoming a fairy after drinking Hou Yi's elixir of immortality or about Wu Gang and the cherry bay tree he was never able to chop down upon his mission to achieve immortality. Overall, I deeply enjoyed learning about the Mid Autumn Festival as well as the stories and traditions which come with it.

**Behzod Marufov** 贝德 Year 9

你好, this lesson taught me a lot about other cultures and how they celebrate certain things and why. It showed me there's a lot of difference between Britain and other countries' celebrations that we don't know much about. I would recommend this lesson to others as it was an educational, but fun way to learn about different cultures, celebrations, foods and beliefs. I was looking forward to this lesson as I enjoy learning about the other ways people celebrate especially the stories behind all the things they do during festivals. In the lesson, we learnt about the Moon Festival and all the different foods they have e.g. mooncakes and what they do to celebrate e.g. light lanterns. I enjoyed making mooncakes with chocolate muffins in the mould and seeing how they're made. The most surprising thing I learnt today was how to make mooncakes as I never knew how they made the shapes and patterns on the top. I also enjoyed learning about the stories behind the festival as it was interesting to hear about how it all started.

**Malou Wagner Poedenphant** 玛洛, Year 9





你好, this lesson definitely changed my mindset on the way about cultural activities as it makes me realise that cultural activities are not just all about learning, but understanding and having a fun way to experience things as in our Chinese Cultural lesson, we were given mini chocolate chip cupcakes to shape into a mooncake using a mooncake mould/press. I would certainly recommend this type of lesson on the Mid Autumn Festival as it is fun and nice to learn about as some people don't even though there is a Chinese Festivals in the Chinese Culture. Overall, I experienced a fun and enjoyable lesson today as I knew that Chinese people celebrate the Mid Autumn Festival (also known as Mooncake Festival), but I never knew how it originally started. so it was nice to know how it originated and the background of it. If I could, I would want to learn more on how they make the mooncake and the mould as it seems quite hard to be able to mould such an intricate design onto the mooncake.

**Jessica Wong 嘉雯, Year 9**

你好. The Mid Autumn Festival or the Moon Festival is a celebration that takes place on a full moon where people admire the moon, eat mooncakes, pomelo fruit and osmanthus delicacies, release sky lanterns, send gifts to others, and have a large family dinner. We learned about the story of how this festival came to be and then made our own mooncakes for the occasion. The cakes fell apart a bit, but it was fun! What surprised me about this festival was the rabbit mascot on the moon and how it ties into the story of Chang'e and the Moon Festival. It was a nice festival experience because of all the activities involved that I would definitely recommend people to take part in next year.

**Paul Despabiladeras 保罗, Year 9**

你好, this week we have been learning about 中秋节, the Chinese Mid-Autumn festival. In our lesson on monday, we explored the ancient legend of 后羿 (Huo Yi) and his wife the chinese goddess of the moon 嫦娥 (Chang'e), discovering one of the reasons how the moon festival gets its name and its traditions that continues today, as many people leave annual offerings to Chang'e during the Mid-Autumn Festival. Additionally, we made our own 月饼 (moon cakes). We learned that mooncakes were used by the Ming revolutionaries in their effort to overthrow the Mongolian rulers of China at the end of the Yuan dynasty. This prompted the quick distribution of mooncakes. The mooncakes contained a secret message: on the fifteenth day of the eighth lunar month (the day of the mid- autumn festival), kill the rulers. We understand that today 月饼 symbolise reunion and togetherness. A notable part of celebrating the holiday is the carrying of brightly lit lanterns, lighting lanterns on towers, or floating sky lanterns - symbolic beacons that light people's path to prosperity and good fortune. I think it is important to learn about other cultural holidays in order to avoid being ignorant or insensitive to other cultures. Chinese culture is beautiful, especially the eloquence of the Moon festival.

**Michael Ato 迈克, Year 10**

你好, today was the Autumn Festival cultural lesson (for Year 10). We learnt about the festival's origin, the legends and the foods that people eat. As well as learning what people eat during the festival, we also had the opportunity to make our own "mooncakes", using cupcakes and a mould provided by Mrs Lu. It was a great experience as we learnt about the process of making mooncakes. My favourite part of the lesson was making the mooncakes (obviously!), but also learning about the 3 main legends associated with the festival, those being the "Lady Chang'e Flying to the Moon", the "Jade Rabbit Mashing Herbs" and "Wu Gang Cutting Sweet Osmanthus". My favourite was the story of "Lady Chang'e Flying to the Moon" because it was very inspirational and how she sacrificed her life by consuming the elixir of immortality rather than giving it to Feng Meng, the greedy student of HouYi.

**Alex Wong 健文, Year 10**







你好, today we learnt about and celebrated a traditional Chinese event called the Mid Autumn Festival, also known as Moon festival. This year, it is on September 21st and we learnt about what food they eat, how they celebrate it and what traditions they have. Drinking wine with fermented osmanthus flowers, eating pumpkins, mooncakes, to worship the moon, and taro, to bring good luck, are some of the many foods which people eat during the festival. Celebrations and traditions include: family gatherings, admiring the moon, lighting lanterns and much more. My favourite part of our lesson was experiencing the interesting traditions and making mooncakes using a cupcake and a mould.

**Elizaveta Newton 丽莎, Year 10**

你好, having celebrated this festival since Year 8, I have still learnt a lot and have definitely refreshed my interest in learning the language as they are both interlinked. As a result, I would definitely recommend this to my friends as the activities such as making and eating the mooncakes were quite interesting.

**Shakeel Majeed 基尔, Year 11**

你好! today we learnt about the Mid Autumn Festival that is widely celebrated in China this year, it was celebrated on the 21<sup>st</sup> September. I liked learning about the legends that the festival is based on and I think the concept of coming together to celebrate the festival is extremely important, especially after Covid 19. We made mooncakes (a commonly eaten food among Chinese people during this festival) out of cupcakes as well as trying genuine mooncakes which was a great experience as it was intriguing to taste food from other cultures. We watched videos that taught us these legends and another on why different types of food are eaten and the importance of them. I think it was a great experience and helped us to learn more about Chinese culture.

**Scarlett Barber 思佳, Year 11**

Not only do we admire the bright moon and eat mooncakes, we also light sky lanterns. The purpose of this is to write your wishes and send them to the sky so that they might come true. On the other hand, the Mid-Autumn festival is the first festival that we have celebrated this new academic year and conveniently lines up with our international week. In order to further develop Chinese learning in KS5, which is part of the IB curriculum cultural links, we start to build the cultural knowledge and understanding across KS3,4 and 5 through different activities to inspire pupils to delve deeper into Chinese culture.

**Mrs Lu**

**Chinese Teacher, MFL Department**











## Mark Evison Foundation

Lt Mark Evison died in 2009 from a gunshot wound while serving as a British army officer in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He was attempting to get the platoon to safety following an ambush. The Mark Evison Foundation is a charity built on Mark's values and characters: challenge, resilience, kindness, innovation, integrity and team support.



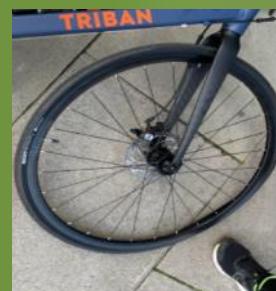
Current Year 13 students were given the opportunity to apply for funding of up to £500 to complete a project of their choice during the summer holidays. Fantastically, after a rigorous application process, Bexley Grammar School were granted 14 awards (the most of any school in the country!). The projects had to be challenging for all members of the team and completed on a strict budget. Over 40 students challenged themselves with hikes in Scotland, writing and recording songs, building a Go-kart from scratch and cycling to Brighton.

Please take a look at their reports and photos via the links below.

**Ben Nevis**  
**South Loch Ness Trail**  
**Brighton Cycle**  
**Loch Ness**  
**Go-Kart**  
**Dartmoor Hike**  
**Highland Hike**

What a fantastic opportunity and a demonstration of such resilience!

***Miss Roberts, Director of Studies, Year 13***





## PE News

What a busy Thursday afternoon! Football for girls in Years 7, 8, 10 & 11; Year 9 rugby; football for 7, 8 and 10 boys; and Netball for Years 9-11. More than 200 students working in the sunshine!

***Mr Lines, Head of PE***

### Girls Football and Netball

A glorious sunny afternoon of sport! What a superb turn out to our afternoon of girls sport. Across the two Thursday clubs we had a staggering 80+ girls at netball and football. So lovely to see so many of you.

In the coming weeks, we have two Kent Cup games for the U13 and U16 football teams along with the Year 9s facing Trinity in Netball. Best of luck ladies! A big thank you to our Year 12 and 13 helpers at both the netball and football sessions. We couldn't have the run sessions without your help!

To help with your understanding of both sports, take a look at the FA Women's Super League Football Games and the Netball International Games next week. Have a think, who is your sporting role model?

***Mrs Kemp and Mrs Howard***  
***PE Department***







Well done to our Year 9 netball team for two very impressive performances in the Bexley league on Tuesday night. After winning 19-0 against Bexleyheath Academy, they went on to secure a second win 14-1 against Trinity School.

A special mention to our players of the match:

Lottie and Alice in our first game against Trinity, where Lottie's defending made it very difficult for BA to move the ball down court. Alice was a key player for us and her shooting success was fantastic.

In our second game Grace and Imogen were voted as players of the match. Grace showed skill and determination in defence, whilst Imogen was calm in centre court, working the ball up to our shooters efficiently.

Fantastic work from a super bunch!

**Miss Leffen**



## Fitness Club

A reminder to all Year 7 & 8 girls that Fitness Club is running on Wednesday mornings (7.45-8.15am). We will be doing a wide range of fitness activities for you to enjoy. This week we completed a challenging circuit in the Sports Hall where all of the girls worked incredibly hard.

Next Wednesday we will be doing some Boxercise to work on our cardiovascular fitness and muscular strength so come along- it's a great way to start your day!

**Miss Leffen**

Bexley Grammar School Year 11 football team played their first game since January 2020 on Wednesday 22nd September away at St Paul's Academy. With a new system and only one training session under their belts, everything went incredibly smoothly, with some tremendous football, great team goals and dogged defending. Shout out to Arinze, who scored a hat trick, and Dexter, who was immense in midfield. Goals came from Obi (2), Jonny, Riley and Malachy, with Riley's being the pick of the bunch with a great flowing move started in defence. A nod to him for his mis-kicked assist in the first half. In his own words, he knew he'd sky it if he shot, so he claims it was deliberate...

A massive pleasure to spend time with these excellent young men and I'm hopeful they can go on to achieve success in competition this year.

**Mr Martin**







## Year 7 & 8 Archery

We had a huge number of pupils arrive on Friday after school for the Archery Club. It is fantastic that so many of you were keen to take part! For obvious reasons we are unable to have 80 or so pupils in the Gym every week. Instead we kindly ask that you register your interest by filling in the Google form that Mr Mackle has sent to your school email address. Please fill this in by Friday 24th September.

Our plan is to allocate you to a half term, which should give you a 6 week block of sessions over the course of this school year. Those that attended on 17th September, will be the group for this first half term. We will publish a list on the PE noticeboard shortly to confirm the next few groups.



### ***Mr Lines***

Our first football match in what seems a lifetime! For the U13 Girls this is probably their first experience of a fixture against another school. Such a lovely afternoon in sunshine playing against Eden Park High. Although the result wasn't what we had hoped for, there were so many positives to bring from the game.

Our player of the match voted by the officials on the day goes to... Ava Gowlett (GK) for her incredible saves in goal and her motivation and enthusiasm! Well done ladies... Watch this space for the next game. A special mention also to our incredible Sixth Formers who acted as officials for the game by volunteering and organising the younger students. BGS at its best! See you at training on Thursdays.

### ***Mrs Kemp and Mrs Howard***







Well done to the Year 8 rugby team, who ran out 30-0 winners over Trinity in their first training match on Wednesday afternoon. Some strong performances, especially amongst those who were playing for the first time.

**Mr Lines**



## Bexley's London Youth Games

We're always pleased to see our students succeed in their sports outside school. A treat for us each year is seeing how you got on as part of Bexley's London Youth Games teams. This year Steph (Year 9) was part of the Kayak team which came first in the slalom competition and 5th in the sprint. Ben, Jamie (Year 10) and Tomas and Matthew (Year 9) all played for the hockey team who were runners up in the competition. Lydia and Leigh-Ann (Year 13) finished 4th in the beach volleyball.

Well done everyone!

**Mr Lines**







**ABRSM EXAMS JULY 2021  
HALL OF FAME**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO  
ACHIEVED THEIR MUSIC ABRSM  
EXAMS IN SCHOOL - JULY 2021**

SAM GEE - GRADE 8 FLUTE  
SOAHASINA RAMANOELINA- GRADE 7 PIANO  
MIA LIND - GRADE 6 FLUTE  
JADE MENSA- BONSU - GRADE 6 PIANO  
TOMMY BRIMBLE - GRADE 5 SINGING  
AMBER STARKIE - GRADE 5 PIANO  
LYDIA CIURCA- GRADE 2 VIOLIN  
MADDIE HOSIER - GRADE 6 FLUTE  
ELLA WARREN - GRADE 8 VIOLIN  
NICOLE PARBOO - GRADE 2 FLUTE  
JANA WHEATE-MARTINEZ - GRADE 3 DESCANT RECORDER  
DHIREN SANGHA- GRADE 2 PIANO  
JAMES ORCHARD - GRADE 3 PIANO  
AKSHYAN INPAKEETHAN - GRADE 1 FLUTE  
DANIEL ALLEN - GRADE 1 PIANO  
ELIZABETH CONQUEST - GRADE 1 PIANO  
JAMES WARREN - GRADE 8 TRUMPET  
ZARA WARREN - GRADE 5 VIOLIN  
SANIKA MAISTRY - GRADE 2 PIANO  
OLIVIA TALENTAITE - GRADE 4 PIANO  
LUCY PORTE - GRADE 1 PIANO  
JOSEPH TURNER - GRADE 2 PIANO  
LOU ANNARUMMA - GRADE 3 MUSICAL THEATRE SINGING  
YUQI ONG - GRADE 1 PIANO  
ZAHID ALI KHAN - GRADE 2 PIANO





## Year 7: Start of year word search

Can you find all of the keywords that relate to your first 4 weeks of school? Take a photo of it completed and email to your DoS, Mrs Belton-Owen to receive a merit or print out and pop into the DoS office with your name on it.

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: 1st October.**



## WORDSEARCH

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ATTENDANCE  
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CANTEEN  
PLANNER  
TUTOR  
LOCKERS  
PUNCTUAL



It has already been a busy start to the year for 'STEM'ers at BGS.

Timetable of clubs:

STEM Club	Years 7-8 Tuesday	M16 at lunchtime
Chemistry Club	Years 7-9 Thursday	M8 at lunchtime
Engineering Club	Years 10-11 Monday	H2 after school
Senior Science Society	Years 12-13	M6 at lunchtime

## Increasing Diversity in STEM

We are all well aware of the stereotypes around what an 'engineer' looks like and the lack of diversity in some STEM careers. At BGS we are passionate about levelling the playing field and ensuring everyone has high aspirations and the opportunities to achieve them. There is an amazing program coming up and I am pleased to help support our students in applying.

## Young Women in STEM - female talent programme

Female and non-binary students in Year 12 could get the opportunity to learn about the world of STEM through a series of group mentoring sessions, work experience and workshops. Plus meet the females leading top UK companies.

With the option to nominate only ten students and only 100 places available nationally, competition will be stiff but I hope to be reporting the successful application of our students in the coming weeks.



## Engineering Club- Special Event

**Open to all years!** 'I'm an Engineer, Get me out of here' SPACE edition!

When? Monday 18th October 3.15pm- 4.15pm  
Where? H2



We will be chatting live to real engineers who work in the field of space exploration and observation. Please email [lusted\\_r@bexleygs.co.uk](mailto:lusted_r@bexleygs.co.uk) if you are interested in joining us for this event.

The Senior Society have been researching and taking it in turns to present on topics of their own choosing and are looking at attending some online lectures.

You can join these lectures too using the link below:

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/attend/>

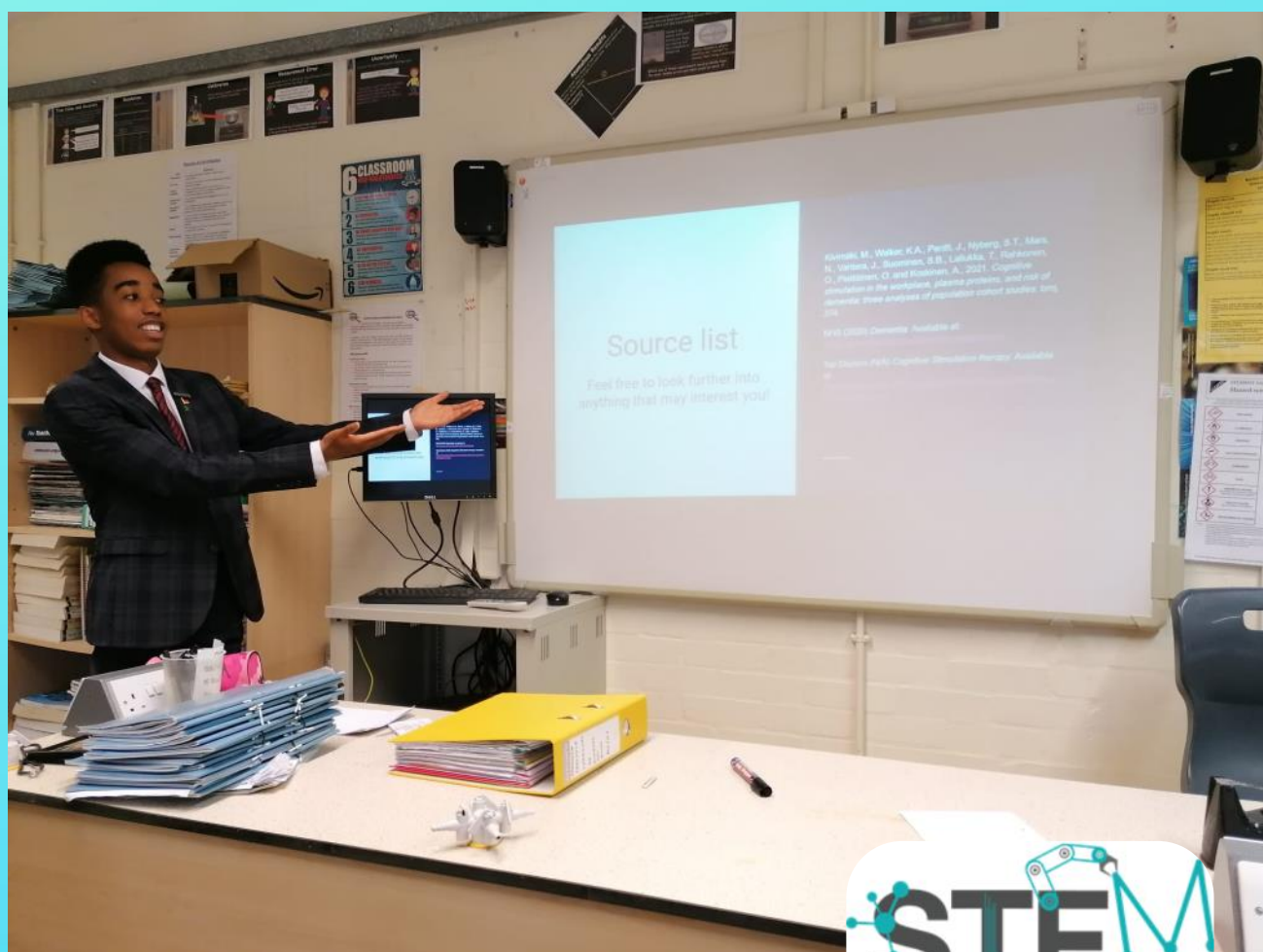




## The Senior Science Society

The Senior Science Society is a group of Sixth Form students that gather together once a week to present and discuss a range of scientific topics. From next-gen fighter jets to new Covid treatments, it provides an opportunity for students to come together and engage with scientific news around the world, as science should not be limited to the classroom. Recently, I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to deliver a presentation on Dementia and how cognitive stimulation in the workplace could lower the risks of developing the disease later on in life. The presentation allowed me to not only share new scientific knowledge with my peers, but also to start conversations about the validity of scientific experiments and what it means for a study to be "reliable". If there is one thing I really enjoy about the Senior Science Society, it is definitely the discussions we have after presentations. Hearing the variety of viewpoints and passionate ideas that other students have is refreshing, and further amplifies my belief that learning science is about keeping in touch with the world around you and how it relates back to what you know.

***Shannen Sarkodie, Year 13***





# STEM and Medicine Career Experiences

Ages 12-18 | At UCL and around the UK



This term we are offering students aged 12-18 immersive weekend experiences in 13 different STEM and Medicine-related careers. **Learn from top doctors, engineers, psychologists, investment bankers and more. Students can attend in-person at UCL or online.** Other options include the Universities of Bristol, Birmingham, Manchester and Edinburgh.

**We expect to be fully-booked for many of these programmes by September 30th. Students can click on any career below to see full details and register now.**

**Please forward this email to relevant students and parents so they can register.** Please find a PDF of this email [here](#).

Medicine

Engineering

Psychology

Banking

All STEM





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LOVED EVERY  
MOMENT... A GREAT  
EXPERIENCE!"



"THE MOST  
IMPACTFUL  
THING I'LL  
EVER DO"

CHOOSE FROM 13 DIFFERENT CAREERS

## All STEM & Medicine Programmes

Click on any career below to register for an experience that will supercharge your future.

**Architecture**: Use pioneering software to create 3D models

**Cyber Security**: Become a white hat hacker and pen-test a 'secure' system

**Data Science**: Use big data to salvage a business on the brink of collapse

**Dentistry**: Practise fillings and drill into decayed teeth

**Engineering**: Use AI to design the next autonomous vehicle

**Forensic Science**: Gather evidence, match fingerprints and analyse blood

**Investment Banking**: Build a winning portfolio and trade stocks live

**Medicine**: Read patient X-rays, ECGs and blood tests

**Nursing**: Watch a live wound care demonstration and try it out yourself

**Psychology**: Advise the police during a live hostage negotiation

**Software Engineering**: Discover the world of full-stack engineering

**Vet**: Experience a live veterinary surgery simulation

**Video Game Designer**: Build your own spellbinding game in Unity

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## STEM Summer Experiences in London

For students who want the ultimate, 360-degree career experience of up to 15 days in London next summer, **use code SUMMER15 for 15% off for a limited time only.**

[View Programmes & Register Now](#)

## PODCAST OPPORTUNITY MESSAGE FROM BLACKFEN COMMUNITY LIBRARY



According to a study by the Museum of London, young Londoners lack confidence that those in power understand the issues they face, only one in five (18%) were optimistic that the issues they face would be addressed, and over twice as many said that London was becoming a worse city for young people than it was becoming better. We at Blackfen Community Library want to take action and address this issue. We are gathering some young people to sit down together and discuss different topics that are important to them and we will be recording this to be released as part of a podcast show. The Better Bexley podcast will cover topics like the different cultures within the Bexley community, the mental health and well-being of young people, environment and sustainability and many more. If you are interested in any of these topics and would like to feature on the podcast, please contact [hello@blackfencommunitylibrary.org](mailto:hello@blackfencommunitylibrary.org) to say you're interested in taking part in the podcast.





## Safeguarding and e-Safety Notice

Welcome back to school for all students and parents / carers. I hope you had a restful summer. This week I am attaching a link to Alan Mackenzie's e-Safety advisor newsletter, which is a source of many pieces of advice and information. Several aspects stood out to me:

- The notion of online 'toxic disinhibition' which can lead to harmful or even illegal behaviour
- In-game purchases, such as FIFA points or loot boxes, and the financial and addictive implications of these
- The statistic that 78% of 11-12 year olds surveyed disagreed with the statement that "You should not talk to strangers online"



Whilst the last point can be put in the context of online gaming and chat rooms about mutual interests, it does suggest we need to have open conversations about online behaviour and its potential repercussions.

I hope you find the newsletter informative:

[https://www.esafety-adviser.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/DITTO-Ed-26-Sept-2021\\_compressed.pdf](https://www.esafety-adviser.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/DITTO-Ed-26-Sept-2021_compressed.pdf)

Best wishes,

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





# *Drama Club*

EVERY FRIDAY, 3.15-4.15, J16  
(SOMETIMES K10)

YEAR 7-9

HAVE FUN, MAKE PLAYS  
AND MAKE FRIENDS

DRAMA CLUB  
CLASSROOM  
CODE-  
NUAC337

# *Techie Club*

MONDAY WEEK A  
3.15-4.15, K10

YEAR 7-11

LEARN HOW TO DO THE  
LIGHTING, SOUND, STAGING  
AND PROJECTION FOR SHOWS

'BACKSTAGE'  
CLASSROOM CODE-  
HITGUN5





# Extra Curricular Music Groups

Don't forget to sign up first using the Google Form linked [here!](#)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>AM/ Break (10.15-10.55)</b>	<b>Clarinet Choir Grade 5+ MU1</b>  <b>Samba Group MU2</b>	<b>Flute Group MU1</b>		<b>String Group MU1</b>	
<b>Period 5 Lunch</b>		<b>Junior Jazz MU1</b>	<b>Junior Choir MU1</b>		
<b>Period 6 Lunch</b>					<b>Rockschool (Invite only) MU1</b>
<b>After School (until 4.15pm)</b>	<b>KS3 Orchestra MAIN HALL</b>	<b>Big Band (Grade 4+/ Year 8) 3.15-3.55pm</b>  <b>Improv Group (Invite only) 3.55pm-4.15pm</b>	<b>Symphony Orchestra (Grade 4+) MAIN HALL</b>	<b>Senior Choir (Years 9-13) MU1</b>  <b>Bexley Baroque (Invite only) MU2</b>	<b>Junior Rockschoo (Years 7-9) Mu1</b> All welcome, some experience of instrument/s necessary  <b>Show Band (January onwards)</b>



# Lights Camera Action!

**e2e**  
end2end TV

child-led film making ... from concept to creation



**Have your children ever wondered how film and television is made?  
Even better would they like to take part in and produce a TV programme?**

**In e2e TV Club #1 children in Y4-8 will ...**

## **Create a TV programme!**

Children will be immersed into a professional TV Production environment, use ENG cameras on location and work as a team to produce a digital magazine style TV programme.

## **Learn practical skills ~ get creative ~ find your voice ~ have FUN!**

Children will use the Multi Camera Green Screen Studio, Control Room and Editing Hub in Burnt Oak Junior School, Sidcup.

## **Start your Arts Award journey by achieving a Discovery Arts Award!**

Children will be supported by our amazing KS3/4 Tech Instructors.

## **e2e TV Club #1 Wednesday 29th September 10 week course**

Watch a short video [here](#) ~ Visit [www.end2endtv.co.uk](http://www.end2endtv.co.uk) for more information

**Limited Places BOOKING NOW!**





# INTRODUCING end2end TV CIC



## Bexley's First Not for Profit Children's TV Production Company!

end2end TV CIC was the brainchild of Peter Barrett & Lorraine Smith; Peter with his wealth of TV & film knowledge and Lorraine with her passion for giving children a platform to find and use their voice, combined with their experience within education and not putting limits on what children can learn when given an opportunity.

end2end TV CIC is a TV Production Company based in Bexley, Kent where children learn practical skills using professional equipment to make TV Programmes, Promos and video content. They use a green screen studio, multi camera control room and editing hub, as well as sophisticated ENG cameras.



Find your voice through film  
... from concept to creation!

## Meet the e2e Crew!

The e2e Crew are a vibrant, skilled bunch of 11 year olds who have been immersed in a TV Scholarship Program since April. The crew are working on their own Bronze Arts Award, whilst training other children in clubs & workshops in TV Production!

Watch our 2 minute video [here](#) or scan this QR code to see the e2e Crew in action!



### The Crew's Top Tips!

- It doesn't matter if you don't get it the first time!
- Film things that inspire you!
- Have fun and be creative!
- Go for it!



### end2end TV is a reg. Arts Award centre

"The fact that we are learning with professional equipment as a team, whilst working towards a Bronze Arts Award is fun, and makes me feel involved in something special."



### The Crew's Top Tips!

"Don't doubt yourself. If you want to make a film think of an idea and you can build from it. Everything will fall into place with the right team of people around you."



### Saying it for the team!

"It's exciting! So far there has been lots of hands on learning where we worked well as a team. I like learning about technology and am looking forward to helping to train others."



### The Crew's Top Tips!

"Capture every moment. No matter what perspective, it is always good to have extra film for great content."



### What have the Crew loved so far?

- Making a film
- Learning lots of new skills 'by doing'
- Filming a band
- Teaching others
- Working as a team
- Having FUN!

end2end TV are looking forward to contributing to the Voice Magazine regularly!  
You can find out more about us and our club opportunities here: [www.end2endtv.co.uk](http://www.end2endtv.co.uk)



News items you may have missed

# BGS TALENT SHOW

**CLOSING DATE:**  
**FRIDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER**  
Entries must be sent to  
[gabriel\\_k@bexleygs.co.uk](mailto:gabriel_k@bexleygs.co.uk).



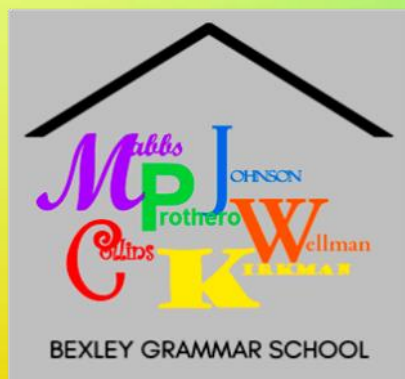
**THIS IS OPEN TO EVERYONE!**  
**ENTRIES MUST BE BETWEEN 1 AND 3 MINUTES**

- DANCE
- SING
- MUSIC
- ACT
- PERFORMANCE POETRY
- MAGIC TRICK
- SHORT FILM
- COMEDY ROUTINE

***You can work on your  
own or as a group!***

Email [gabriel\\_k@bexleygs.co.uk](mailto:gabriel_k@bexleygs.co.uk) for more information





# HOUSE SPORT UPCOMING EVENTS

**AFTER SCHOOL  
TUESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER  
JUNIOR & INTERMEDIATE**

**\*Please change into your  
PE Kit at lunchtime\***

**BOYS'  
FOOTBALL**

**GIRLS'  
NETBALL**





# Harvest Box Competition

After school on Wednesday 29th September, in the Upper Hall for students in Years 7 to 9.

Remember when making the boxes they should not include any new materials, everything must be either recycled or have been used before (no new tissue paper, pipe-cleaners, foil, etc.). Start collecting sweet wrappers, cardboard!







Items particularly requested by  
Bexley Food Bank:

Long life milk, noodles, custard, jam,  
mash, sweets or chocolate, toilet rolls,  
deodorant, house cleaning items.

**ALL YEAR GROUPS- PLEASE BRING  
IN DONATIONS OF DRY GOODS**

All donations must be on the stage  
in the Hall, next to or in your House  
Box, by 8.25am, on  
Thursday 30th September.

*Thank you*





## Years 7– 11 students. Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

Dear Parent/ Carer

If you believe your child may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) this academic year, and your child is not current in receipt of FSM, we would ask you to complete the [online form](#).



In the event of Bexley confirming your child is indeed entitled to FSM, please share the confirmation email with school, to enable us to update our systems accordingly.

To check your eligibility before submitting an application to Bexley Council website please click on the link [here](#).

The eligibility criteria for new FSM applications is below. If you have any questions please feel free to contact **Mrs Ellis, Assistant Headteacher**.

Many thanks

*To be eligible for FSMs, a parent / carer needs to be in receipt of one of the following:*

- *Income Support*
- *Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance*
- *Income-related Employment and Support Allowance*
- *Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*
- *The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit*
- *Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190*
- *Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit*

## MidYIS Test for Year 7 students

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September, all Year 7 pupils will sit a computer based MidYIS test. No revision/ preparation is required from the pupils in any way. Many secondary schools countrywide give students some sort of a baseline assessment to their Year 7s on entry. The MidYIS test is what we call a "baseline assessment", designed to measure pupils' developed ability rather than what has been taught previously in school.

**MidYIS assesses four key areas which research shows are linked to later academic outcomes:**

- **Vocabulary – word fluency and understanding**
- **Mathematics – logical thinking, manipulating numbers and numerical concepts**
- **Non-verbal ability – recognising shapes, matching patterns, applying spatial awareness and visual intuition**
- **Skills - such as proofreading, perceptual speed and accuracy**

**As the assessment is adaptive, each student sees a unique assessment and is challenged at a level that is suitable for them, making it enjoyable, engaging, and efficient.**

It gives measures of pupils' underlying potential to do well, and tests their strengths and weaknesses. The focus of the MidYIS test is to derive a sound indication of likely later academic achievement if steady progress is made, and to provide us with a baseline starting point for each student.

Please see timetable below

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1n11LEZ3eaHL\\_KQu7gBnUxcixLokHXoC8sbp\\_g9J4QsQ/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1n11LEZ3eaHL_KQu7gBnUxcixLokHXoC8sbp_g9J4QsQ/edit?usp=sharing)





## Forthcoming Events

### September

Thursday 23rd ~ Year 7 Tutor Evening

Friday 24th ~ International Celebration Week finishes

Friday 24th ~ BGS Talent Show Auditions (see notice)



Monday 27th ~ MidYIS Test for Year 7 students (see notice)

Tuesday 28th ~ House Sports (see notice)

Wednesday 29th ~ House Harvest Box Competition (see notice)

### October

Thursday 21st ~ Last full school day for all students before half term

**Friday 22nd to Monday 1st November Half Term (School closed to students)**

Tuesday 2nd ~ First school day following Half Term (All student return to school)