

NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the

'Inspiring art that influences new artists everyday...'



Banksy - an anonymous graffiti artist, inspiring millions around the world. . .



multiple public places, such as the walls of buildings. Their style is easily recognizable, as it has remained consistent throughout the years.

Banksy is a British anonymous graffiti artist, political activist, film director, sculptor and author, and uses their art to loudly proclaim their dissatisfaction with certain aspects of society, political situations, and even decisions made by world leaders. Their work pops up in

A little background information. . .

The aspiring creator was born in Bristol in 1974, and is said to have been a pupil at Bristol Cathedral School and also to have attended St Brendan's Sixth Form College. They began as an artist at the age of 14, and was expelled from school and served time in prison for a petty crime.

The beginning. . .



The artist began their career in the early 1990's. Banksy admired the works of Blek Le Rat, and often recycled the artist's old ideas, moulding their own distinctive voice and style as they went. Initially, they were part of a graffiti crew

in Bristol by the name of DryBreadZ crew or DBZ, and occasionally used stencils for their work. In the late 90's, they began using stencils predominantly. Later on, they started sharing their art on social media. Their first known mural was a piece called "The Mild Mild West", which was created in response to police armed in riot gear attacking partygoers at an event at Winterstroke. The image depicts a teddy bear tossing a Molotov cocktail at policemen in riot gear.

A rise in popularity. . .

Banksy was noticed as a freehand artist in 1993, and had numerous newspaper articles written about them. Using stencils since 2000 to enhance their speed, they developed a distinctive iconography of highly recognizable images, such as rats and policemen that showed their antiauthoritarian message. With wry wit and stealth, Banksy merged graffiti art with installation and performance. Their work has been featured in multiple museums, somewhere Banksy them self came and performed. Their most famous work of art is a piece called "There is Always Hope", which depicts a small child reaching out for a heart-shaped balloon, which is believed to represent love, hope, innocence, childhood and self-confidence. It's thought that the piece symbolises losing something which is within your grasp. Etched into the wall to the right of the little girl, are the words THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE.

Some fun facts. . .

- The identity of the graffiti artist has remained anonymous, however Banky's real name is thought to be Robin Gunningham, as first reported by The Mail on Sunday in 2008.
- Love is in the Bin has officially become the most expensive Banksy artwork ever, auctioned off at \$25.4 million.
- Banksy's net worth is estimated to be £39.9 million.
- Approximately, the graffiti artist has created over 2000 pieces.

Alex Potocnik Hahonina, Year 8 Art Prefect





BEXLEY GRAMMAR MUSIC DEPARTMENT
PRESENTS

BGS Christmas Concert

1ST DECEMBER 2021, 6PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
WWW.YOURBOXOFFICE.CO.UK

£6.50/£4 CONCESSIONS



The 13th Bexley Young Musician of the Year



Bexley Young Musician of the Year 2022

In 2020, both Mia Chan and Charlie Keeling expertly represented BGS in the Bexley Young Musician of the Year, having successfully got through to the finals. Charlie Keeling then went on to win the overall award. Will we have another winner from BGS in 2022?

<https://bexleyyoungmusician.com/>

Mrs Casling, Head of Music

Mayor's Christmas Card competition

The 3 winners will win a £20 amazon voucher

How to enter:

Please send your design, on an A4 piece of paper (one side) to
The Mayor's Office, Civic Offices, 2 Watling Street, Bexleyheath, Kent DA6 7AT

Please tell us your name, age and what school you go to along with a contact email, address and phone number.

Or send a scanned copy to mayors.office@bexley.gov.uk

The designs will be chosen on Friday 5 November 2021

Cllr James Hunt

Mayor of the London Borough of Bexley

Closing date extended to Friday 12th November



BGS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Nordmann Fir Christmas Trees For Sale!



The PA is pleased to offer discounted
Nordmann Fir Christmas trees to all
BGS families, staff, friends and neighbours!
We have a wide range of sizes available from £20 - £58.
All proceeds will fund school resources or initiatives.

to order your tree, visit:
www.bgschristmastrees.co.uk



Orders are due by Thursday 25 November





Bexley Grammar School Parents' Association

Quiz Night

All the money raised will help fund equipment and initiatives at Bexley Grammar School.

Thursday 25th November

Doors open 7pm for 7:30 start

Tickets £5 per person

Teams of 6 - 8 people

Bring your own food and drink

Bring change for interval games & raffle

Held in the school hall with windows open for ventilation so wrap up warm!

Numbers are limited and all teams must be pre-registered.

To register your team or for any questions please email

BGSPA@bexleygs.co.uk





News items you may have missed

BGS Production 2022 Auditions!

**Friday 12th November 2021, after
school, in the main Hall,**

Roles available: Actors, Singers, Dancers

**Sign up to the google classroom for
all the information:**

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Year 11 Revision Booklet

**Bexley Grammar
School**



**Year 11
Preparing for Revision
2021 – 2022**

Dear Student/ Parent/ Carer,

The Year 11 Revision Booklet has been distributed to students and is available on the school website or by clicking on the link [here](#).

Remembrance Day 2021

Paper poppies, enamel badges, snap rulers, zip pulls and wristbands are available to buy in the foyer outside Reception during break and lunch time until Thursday 11th November.

Please support the Royal British Legion.

Thank you





The BGS PA Lotto is a monthly draw to raise funds for the school. This was previously known as the Millennium Club.

How does it work?

Each month there is a prize draw with a first prize of £15 and a second prize of £10.

To enter the draw you need to purchase a share. Each numbered share costs £5 for the year and is entered into the following 12 monthly draws plus an additional Christmas bonus draw.

*You can join any time.

*You must be over 18 to enter.

*There is no limit on the number of £5 shares you can buy.

Visit

bgspa.co.uk/lotto
to order your shares!



Lost Property

Please click on the link [here](#) to report lost property or email us on reception@bexleygs.co.uk.

Thank you

Reception Team

Forthcoming Events

November

Thursday 4th ~ PA Nordmann Fir Christmas Trees Sale open for business (see notice) 

Thursday 11th ~ Remembrance Day (see notice) 

Friday 12th ~ Little Shop of Horrors Auditions (see notice) 

Tuesday 16th ~ Sixth Form Open Evening 5.30pm - 8pm

Wednesday 17th ~ Late start following the Open Evening - Registration at 9.20am

Tuesday 23rd ~ Year 13 Virtual Parents' Evening 4pm - 6.30pm (letter to follow soon)

Thursday 25th ~ PA Nordmann Fir Christmas Trees last orders
~ PA Quiz Night (see notice)

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December

Wednesday 1st ~ BGS Christmas Concert (see notice)



Friday 3rd ~ Collection Nordmann Fir Christmas Trees

Saturday 4th ~ Collection Nordmann Fir Christmas Trees



Tuesday 7th ~ Year 11 Virtual Parents' Evening 4pm - 6.30pm

Friday 17th ~ Final day of autumn term