



Thursday 9th December
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NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTMAS

RAFFLE

LAST CHANCE!

TICKETS £1 EACH

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The deadline for ticket sales is this Sunday 12th December.

The raffle will be drawn on 15th December
by PA trustees and winners notified.

Great prizes to be won including a
£200 Bluewater voucher, family photo
shoot and Christmas hamper!

Thank You & Merry Christmas



Power Day 2



Power Day 2 on the 24th November had a STEM theme.

For Years 9 and 10 this meant workshops run by ambassadors. Despite the threat of Covid, we managed to pull in a record number of ambassadors with two full year groups taking part for the first time.

Year 9 each completed three different workshops including food technology, engineering, product design, architecture, emergency medicine, police robotics and computer science. Sadly, the emergency medicine ambassador had her own medical emergency a few days before the event and broke her foot! This meant that she could not deliver the session in person but put together a virtual workshop instead. Although this meant a slightly different approach we all appreciate the efforts she went to!

For Year 10, seven engineers from a variety of specialisms joined them in completing a series of tasks and challenges throughout the day. We are extremely grateful to them all for giving up their time to come in and inspire our young people.

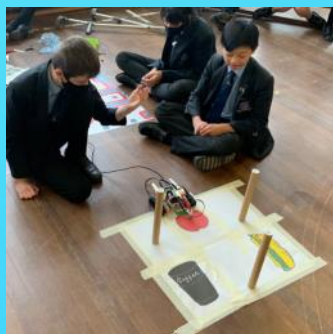
Every workshop meant an opportunity to work as a team, problem solve and think creatively, and also meet someone who really works in that field. As always our students impressed all our visitors with their attitudes, efforts and achievements. The ideas and creations from both year groups were amazing and I couldn't have been more proud!

"In engineering we were tasked to make a roller coaster out of various materials like cardboard boxes, paper cups and tape. For the first part of the session we were taught about different types of engineering and the process engineers go through to create. I think it would have been a little more interesting to learn more about the different jobs you can go into regarding engineering and the different subjects within it, as they were only touched on briefly. Making the roller coaster was very fun, and the presenter made sure to come around to each group and check how we were working. I think the group sizes (about four or five) worked very well as there were enough people so that there were lots of ideas and it was enjoyable, but not too many that there was room for arguments, and it was very well planned and termed so that we could all understand.

I think a lot of people wanted to do cooking, so some were disappointed when they didn't get it. Obviously that can't be helped, but I wonder if there are ways to get more engaging subjects for people who aren't as academically focused on classic STEM subjects. I think a good example of this was the last minute product design workshop that replaced the medicinal chemistry one, but I think all of the workshops did a good job of being accessible and engaging for all students."

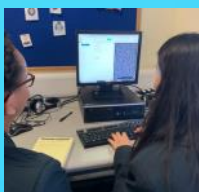
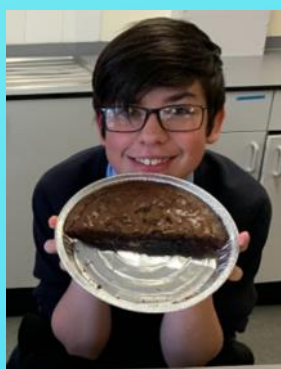
A happy student, Year 9

Here are some highlights:





Power Day 2





Power Day 2

Year 7 ~ Trade your way challenge

The aim of the Year 7 Power Day that took place on Wednesday 24th November was to get Year 7 students working collaboratively to design a sustainable product and put together a simple business plan. These new products would be pitched to the rest of the tutor group with each group voting for one winner. The winning groups would then present to the whole year group and by the end of the day we would have a product that was voted the best new sustainable concept.



The Power Day was very awesome and I liked the Idea of advertising things made from recycled material and it also gives us an idea of business and makes us so more creative and everything was so organised and fun! And also congratulations to 7STA for winning it!
Yajat Gupta, 7STA

I thought this Power day was a good idea as it helped the students understand how to run a business and work with other people as a team-Erin Furmage, 7MPM

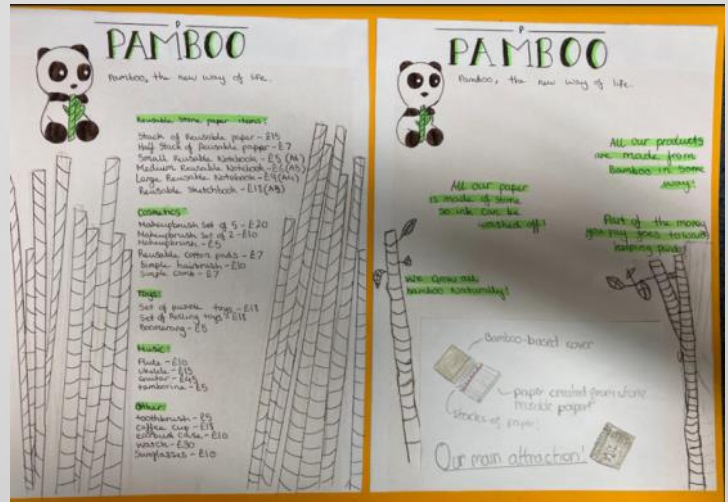
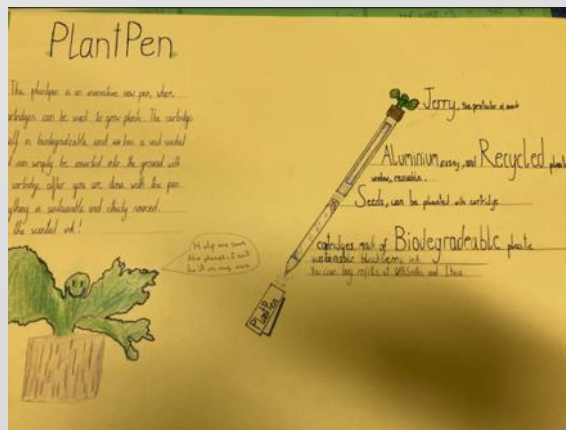
There were two very similar ideas in the Year 7 competition which shows that you need a complex idea to win
Adam Albu, 7MPM





Ms Orchard and I were lucky enough to spend time with some of the tutor groups as they carried out research about their products. This includes reviewing the pricing of the product so that profits could be achieved. All of the groups of students had to work as a team to design their product as well as a present that included a poster to showcase their new idea.

I got to watch the class presentations of 7STA here are some of their product ideas. I was hugely impressed with their professional approach to the task as well as their presentation skills. The winning idea in 7STA came from Lilly Middleton, Hussain Nabeel, and Max Perex.



Power Day 2

All of the winning groups then competed against each other in an inter-tutor competition for the best sustainable product across the year group.





Music News

Congratulations to Nathan Singleton, Year 11, for winning the Martin Dales Trophy in the Beckenham Music Festival 2021. Here is Nathan's account of what was required! Well done Nathan!

Mrs Casling, Head of Music

The Beckenham festival is an annual music festival which carries out a wide variety of performances and competitions with different types of musicians (e.g. choirs, woodwind players). The type of competition I entered is music versatility, which is recommended for people who play two or more instruments to a high level. The adjudicator marks the pieces you play/ sing and the person with the highest amount of marks wins the Martin Dales trophy (which I've managed to win three years consecutively now). This year, I played Nocturne in C# Minor by Chopin, and Sonatina for Clarinet and Piano by Malcolm Arnold.

Nathan Singleton, Year 11



.b An Introduction to Mindfulness

7STA and 7MAM have just completed their Mindfulness course as part of their personal development curriculum. These classes completed the first five sessions of the ten week .b course developed by the Mindfulness in Schools Project. The students looked at different ways to think about our mind and discussed ways in which they could start to train it. We also looked at recognising worry and how to manage our concerns in a variety of ways. I was really impressed with how students engaged in these lessons and they will be issued with certificates by their form tutors before the end of term.

Here are some comments from some of the students when asked about what they liked the most:

- I liked the fact that you were allowed to tell what you really felt in mindfulness without having to think that it is weird.
- I liked that I could wind down and get rid of any worries that I was thinking about.
- I enjoyed how I could clear our minds when it was full of thoughts.
- I enjoyed this mindfulness course because it gave me new ways to practice calming myself down. My favourite one is the beditation as it has helped me get to sleep and de-stress a lot before bed.
- I used finger breathing when I was stressed out and angry, and it helped me calm down.
- In tests I did .b. When I get stressed at home I some of the time use the 7/11.

Over a quarter of the students said that they found the beditation the most useful practice. If you would like to find out more about this practice, then watch this [video](#).

The other four Year 7 forms will have a chance to complete these lessons later in the year during their Sports Science lessons.

Miss Brand, Mental Health Lead Teacher





PE News

Winners! 3-1 to the U14 Girls Football team against Trinity. We had so many girls attend the game that we didn't waste time with half time; an hour of dedicated play! Super skills saw a break in play from our defence onto our attacking players who hammered in 3 fantastic team goals: Poppy, Isabelle D and Isabelle W. Thank you girls for being patient on the side lines with your eagerness to play in a 20 girl squad...



Players of the match:

1 - For displaying our BGS value of courage goes to Lily for overcoming her nerves and being confident in playing her competitive game.

2 - For her attacking play on the left delivering in crucial corners, battling through the oppositions defence with a goal to finish, goes to Isabelle D.



As always, thank you to our Sixth Formers for officiating and being our overall support on the side lines. Much appreciated.

Mrs Kemp, PE Department

London Youth Games

On Saturday 20th November, I took part in the London Youth Games cross country event as part of the Bexley team. It was held at Parliament Hill in Hampstead Heath. I travelled to the event by coach with some of the other members of the team.

There were over 1500 competitors from all 32 boroughs of London competing in 4 different age categories.

I was in the Under 15 male event in a team of 6 others from Bexley. The 3km course was very muddy and gruelling especially the big hill at the start. There were two sections where I had to jump over some obstacles.

I was the 4th member to finish from the Bexley team running the course in a time of 15:36. I was very pleased with my time especially as this was my first ever race.

Luke Howard, Year 9

Well done to all the students who represented Bexley in the London Youth Games Cross Country championships which were held on Hampstead Heath last weekend. Without a local championship this year students had to volunteer to take part and we were lucky to have such a willing group - with some competing for the first time. Thanks also to the parents and family members who took their young athletes along - these events wouldn't happen without your support.

Mr Lines, Head of PE





Win, win, win!

Another set of impressive performances from the two Year 8 teams that played on Wednesday night. The two squads were made up of 19 dedicated and talented players who have shown great skill and improvement at training over the autumn term. We welcomed Townley Grammar, Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar and Harris Garrard on Wednesday night in chilly and dark conditions.



First up was Harris Garrard to play a new team of Year 8's (their first ever netball match!). The girls showed great patience and excellent defensive skills securing an 11-0 win. Nimisha was selected as player of the match.

Next was Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar, who were quick and agile on court and managed to take lots of interceptions through court. Our team kept their cool, worked hard and managed to win 4-1. Player of the match was Isabella for her fantastic defensive skills!

Townley was our last game and with the light fading fast we managed to build on our strength from previous matches and win 7-1. Charlie was player of the match for her quick movement through court.



A huge success. Well done all involved!

Ms Leffen, PE Department

That was cold! Some great rugby by our Year 7s at Hurstmere on Wednesday afternoon. We narrowly lost the first game 4-3, and then won the next game 8-0! Tries today came from George (4), Austin (3), Arjun, Uzo, Dhylan and Valentino. Great stuff boys

Mr Lines





e-Safety Advice for Parents/ Carers

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Please see the links below, which give helpful advice and strategies for addressing issues with social media and online safety which you may find useful:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/how-to-protect-children-from-online-sexual-harm/>



Vaping/ e-Cigarettes

We are hearing that there are some newsagents and other outlets in the local area who have been selling vapes to under 18s without carrying out rigorous age checks. An additional concern is that some vapes are being designed to look quite innocuous (see below for two of the more common brands).



Geek Bar



Elf Bar

To clarify, the legal age to use or purchase vapes and associated materials is 18 and they should not be sold to, or used by, school children.

Discord

Discord is an increasingly popular social network which children can use to communicate via an app on their phones. It has been known for students to use this for conversations outside of the more common social media platforms. If you'd like more information about Discord please see the information produced by the Internet Matters website.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/parents-guide-to-discord-on-how-your-kids-can-use-it-safely/>

Best wishes,

H.J. Gilmore
Deputy Head and Designated Safeguarding Lead

**PROVISIONAL GCSE EXAMINATION TIMETABLE Summer 2022**

The date that has been set aside as the contingency day is **Wednesday 29 June 2022**.

This means that all exam candidates must be available to sit exams from the date of their first exam until Wednesday 29 June 2022.

This decision is not a school decision and does apply to all candidates in all schools.

DAY	START	SUBJECT	Exam Board	LENGTH
Monday 16th May	8.30am	Religious Studies	AQA	1hr45m
	1.30pm	Computer Science P1	Edexcel	1hr30m
Tuesday 17th May	8.30am	Biology P1	OCR	1hr45m
	1.30pm	Psychology P1	AQA	1hr45m
Wednes- day 18th May	8.30am	English Language P1	AQA	1hr45m
	1.30pm	German Listening and Reading	AQA	1hr 45m
		Economics P1	OCR	1hr30m
Thursday 19th May	8.30am	History P1	Edexcel	1hr15m
	1.30pm	Italian Listening and Reading	AQA	1hr45m
		Drama	AQA	1hr45m
Friday 20th May	8.30am	Mathematics P1	Edexcel	1hr30m
	1.30pm	Chinese Listening and Reading	Edexcel	1hr50m
		Business P1	AQA	1hr45m
		Ancient History P1	OCR	1hr45m
Monday 23rd May	8.30am	Geography P1	AQA	1hr30m
Tuesday 24th May	8.30am	French Listening and Reading	AQA	1hr45m
	1.30pm	Physical Education P1	OCR	1hr
Wednes- day 25th May	8.30am	English Literature P1	AQA	1hr40m



DAY	START	SUBJECT	Exam Board	LENGTH
Thursday 26th May	8.30am	Spanish Listening and Reading	AQA	1hr45m
	1.30pm	Religious Studies	AQA	1hr45m
Friday 27th May	8:30am	Chemistry P1	OCR	1hr45m
	1.30pm	Computer Science P2	Edexcel	2hrs
Monday 6th June	8.30am	German Writing	AQA	1hr20m
		Chinese Writing	Edexcel	1hr25m
		Economics P2	OCR	1hr30m
		Latin P1	WJEC	1hr30m
	1.30pm	Psychology P2	AQA	1hr45m
Tuesday 7th June	8.30am	Mathematics P2	Edexcel	1hr30m
	1.30pm	Geography P2	AQA	1hr30m
Wednes- day 8th June	8.30am	English Literature P2	AQA	1hr45m
Thursday 9th June	8.30am	History P3	Edexcel	1hr20m
	1.30pm	Physics P1	OCR	1hr45m
Friday 10th June	8.30am	English Language P2	AQA	1hr45m
	1.30pm	Japanese Listening and Reading	Edexcel	1hr50m
		Physical Education P2	OCR	1hr
Monday 13th June	8.30am	Mathematics P3	Edexcel	1hr30m
	1.30pm	Ancient History P2	OCR	1hr45m
		Business P2	AQA	1hr45m
Tuesday 14th June	8.30am	Geography P3	AQA	1hr
	1.30pm	Italian Writing	AQA	1hr20m
Wednes- day 15th June	8.30am	Biology P2	OCR	1hr45m
	1.30pm	Russian Listening and Reading	Edexcel	1hr50m
		Design and Technology	AQA	2hrs
		Latin P2	WJEC	1hr15m



DAY	START	SUBJECT	Exam Board	LENGTH
Thursday 16th June	8.30am	History P2a	Edexcel	55m
	1.30pm	French Writing	AQA	1hr20m
Friday 17th June	8.30am	Spanish Writing	AQA	1hr20m
Monday 20th June	8.30am	Chemistry P2	OCR	1hr45m
	1.30pm	Food preparation and nutrition	AQA	1hr45m
		Japanese Writing	Edexcel	1hr25m
Tuesday 21st June	8.30am	History P2b	Edexcel	55m
	1.30pm	Latin P3	WJEC	1hr
Wednes- day 22nd June	8.30am	Music	Edexcel	1hr45m
Thursday 23rd June	8.30am	Physics P2	OCR	1hr45m
Tuesday 28th June	8.30am	Russian Writing	Edexcel	1hr25m
Wednes- day 29th June		Contingency day		





Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 15th December

ROAST TURKEY
ROAST POTATOES
PEAS & CARROTS
BRUSSELS SPROUTS
STUFFING
YORKSHIRE PUDDING

Vegetarian

MEDITERRANEAN VEGETABLE TART
ROAST POTATOES
PEAS & CARROTS
BRUSSELS SPROUTS
STUFFING
YORKSHIRE PUDDING

Dessert

CHOCOLATE FUDGE YULE

Main Meal

PUPILS £2.85
STAFF £3.30

Dessert

PUPILS £1.00
STAFF £1.20



Origami Club is a hub of creativity and has been successful thanks to the efforts of Cedric Mamodesen in 7J00. Cedric has brought his skills to the club and has been teaching others how to fold, bend and complete a range of origami objects. This at times is not easy to do as there are multiple folds and re-folds to complete!



The members have made Ninja stars, Samurai hats, spinning tops and will be moving onto Christmas decorations in the coming weeks. Each week each student leaves with a set of new skills, further confidence in origami and a completed piece of origami to take home.

This club happens every Wednesday after school and starts at 3:10, in G16. New members are always welcome.





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Christmas Tree Decorating Contest!

Prizes:

- 1st place: Chocolate Hamper
- 2nd place: Festive Treats Gift Box
- 3rd place: Winter Drinks Basket
- Recycled Tree: Cinema E-Tickets

The recycled tree can be any size and must be made entirely from recycled items.

Judging of all trees based on creativity, theme and overall impact.

Open to all BGS families & staff.
All trees welcome!

To enter:

Take a picture of your Christmas tree and email it with your family name to: bgspa@bexleygs.co.uk
(please reduce image size before sending)

Deadline for entry: 13th December
Winners announced: 17th December



COMPUTING CLUBS

8th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers of Years 3-8,

Computing Clubs are excited to announce that **Minecraft Edu Holiday Clubs are back** this Christmas and children in Years 3-8 from any school are welcome to join us! Holiday clubs will run over two days at Burnt Oak Junior School, DA15 9DA on Wednesday 22nd & Thursday 23rd December from 10.00–2.30pm.

Minecraft Edu is a fantastic learning resource for all ages. Children will be able to use **all** the elements of Minecraft Education, but in a secure enclosed virtual reality which outsiders cannot enter.

Children will extend their knowledge of coding and problem solving, whilst using advanced tools in the latest update of Minecraft Education as they work together on a range of original **festive fun themed projects**, supported by our KS3/4 Tech Leaders.

Find out more information and book by following this link:

www.computingclubs.co.uk/festiveminecraftedu

Book by 30th November to SAVE 10%. Other discounts are also available. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us via email: admin@computingclubs.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Peter Barrett
Computing Clubs

Lorraine Smith

MINECRAFT EDU HOLIDAY CLUBS!

SAVE 10% BOOK BY 30th NOV

Computing Clubs
Minecraft Edu Clubs
For Children in Y3-Y8

For more information, visit www.computingclubs.co.uk/festiveminecraftedu

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Computing Clubs

Minecraft Edu Clubs

For Children in Y3-Y8



Children can extend their knowledge of coding and use advanced tools in the latest update of Minecraft Education, as they work together on a range of **festive fun themed** projects.

Sessions are designed to include a brand new Minecraft Edu adventure each time. Children will use enhanced computational thinking & problem solving skills to navigate a fun virtual reality- whilst actually being in a safe enclosed world with just members of the club! Led by our brilliant KS3/4 Tech Leaders. **#NoLimitsDigitalLearning**

Computing Holiday Clubs run at Burnt Oak Junior School, Sidcup: 22nd & 23rd December 2021
www.computingclubs.co.uk



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Caseys Schoolwear is now offering a service for parents to sell their second-hand uniform through our website.

- Bring your second-hand uniform to our store for grading and photos. Logos uniform and school specific skirts only.
- We will put the photos on our website for people to view.
- When your uniform is purchased we will call you and ask you to bring it back to the store ready for collection or delivery.
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BGS PA LOTTO!

November Draw

Congratulations to the following winners
of the BGS PA Lotto for the November draw:

D. McCann (no. 40) - first prize of £15

B. Bailey (no. 5) - second prize of £10

**Next month we'll be drawing first & second
prizes and a Christmas Bonus Draw of £50!**

Draw date is 15th December. If you don't have shares, you can
order by Sunday 12th December to be included in the December draw.

Visit

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

*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. Shares are valid for a year which includes
12 monthly draws plus a Christmas bonus draw.



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

December

Wednesday 15th ~ Christmas Dinner in the Canteen (see notice)

Friday 17th ~ Final day of autumn term

