

Welcome Back  
2022



# NEWS LETTER



13th January 2022

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# MERMAID

*by Polly Teale*



*A modern retelling of*

**New Dates!**

(tickets automatically transferred)

**Wednesday 19th January 7pm**

**Thursday 20th January 5.30pm**

**Friday 21st January 7pm**

**SOLD OUT**

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Tickets are still available for the performance on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 5.30pm. Please click on the link [here](#) to purchase yours today!





## Please Support 8REL

8REL are raising money for The Chartwell Children's Cancer Trust which support local families who have been affected by Cancer. In order to help raise awareness and money to support them, we will be arranging a Fun Run on Thursday 13th January. We will be meeting at 3.20pm on the tennis courts and then make our way to Danson Park to start the Fun Run.

The entry fee is £1 for students to take part and £3 for teachers. Please bring your money on the day when you show up and hand it to the members of 8REL who are collecting the money. However, if you do not want to run or walk in the Fun Run, then you can sponsor someone else who is participating.

Please use our **JustGiving** [here](#) page to donate to this brilliant charity.

Thank you

***Ms Lusted and 8REL***

# The Chartwell Charities

Croydon





**5K IN  
DANSON  
PARK**

**THURS  
13TH  
JAN**

# Fun Run

**Attention BGS!**



Do you like to keep yourself active and busy? Would you like to be part of something fantastic? Look no further: 8REL is in need of you!

This Fun Run has been organized by 8REL in order to help raise awareness and money for our chosen charity, which is the Chartwell Children's Cancer Trust. The distance of the Fun Run is 5km and you have the choice to either run or walk. The entry fee for students is £1 and for teachers, the

entry fee is £3. However, if you choose not to participate in the Fun Run then you can sponsor someone else who is participating in the Fun Run.

**Pay on  
the Day**

**Remember, it's all for a  
good cause!**

**MEET:  
TENNIS  
COURTS  
AT 3.20**



## 8PDH are fund raising for The Greenwich and Bexley Hospice



Since last half term, Year 8 have been completing First Give: an organisation that helps children from secondary schools to support their local charity by organising and taking part in social actions.

The local charity that my form (8PDH) has chosen is the Greenwich & Bexley Hospice. We thought that this charity had achieved a great deal and had benefited the lives of others enormously. The hospice helps people who suffer from illnesses and diseases, such as cancer, as well as offers support and care to those who may be depressed or suffering at home.

On the last day of term, our form spoke to Lucy Griffith-Searles, a representative from the Greenwich & Bexley Hospice, and had the opportunity to interview her with some questions regarding the charity. As a form we learnt some interesting information about what the charity does which we would never have learnt if we had not been fortunate enough to speak to Lucy.

We discovered that when the hospice helps people who are suffering from disease, many other people close to them also benefit from their work: family, friends as well as the hospice staff. We were also surprised to find that one of the highest costs the charity faces is that of laundry, and that our fundraising would help support them offer this essential service. The hospice also said that they help thousands of people a year; the money that we hope to raise would therefore be really helpful and have a direct impact on the lives of those most in need.

To help raise money, 8PDH are arranging a Year 8 Netball and Football House tournament. We hope to be able to use the funds we raise to support the Bexley and Greenwich Hospice.

To find out more information about our charity please click on the link below:

[About the Hospice - Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice](#)



Greenwich & Bexley  
Community Hospice





## PE News

### Girls PE

Results are in from the girls sport education from the final week of term...Winners are...

10y Team Bulls - Aimy, Suhaana and Rihanna  
10x Team Broncos - Evie, Elena, Agshana and Ella  
11y Team Bulls - Abi, Freya, Nia and Sree  
11x Team Bobcats - Emma, Emily, Josie and Kate

Lovely to see the friendly competition between the groups.  
We are moving onto HRE next term... planks, burpees, squats galore!



### U16 Girls' Football

Congratulations to the U16 girls who are through to the semi-finals of the Kent Cup against Ravensbourne in the middle of January. Superb effort ladies! Maybe you can match the 20-0 win against Latvia?

Best of luck in your next game.

***Mrs Kemp, PE Department***

### Netball

And we're off! A cracking start to 2022 for the Year 8 netball team. 12 - 2 win against Trinity. Ayaka and Nimishi being named players of the match on Tuesday evening.

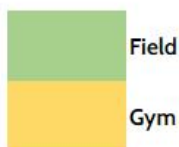
***Miss Leffen, PE Department***





### Bexley Grammar School Extra-Curricular Sports Timetable - Spring

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School: 7:45 - 8:15			Yr 7 & 8 Table Tennis**	Wk A: Yr 7 Boys' Basketball	Wk A - Yr 7 & 8 Girls' Basketball
			Yr 8 Badminton**	Wk B: Yr 8 Boys' Basketball	Wk B: Yr 10 & 11 Boys' Basketball
Lunch					
After School: 3:15 - 16:30	Badminton** Wk A: Yr 7 Wk B: Yr 9	6th Form Boys' Basketball	Yr 7 & 8 Girls' Netball	Girls' Football	
	Yr 8 Boys' Football	Senior Table Tennis**	Yr 11 Boys' Football	Yr 9-11 Girls' Netball	
			6th Form Football	Yr 7, 9 & 10 Boys' Football	Archery Club**
				Cricket** Wk A: Yr 7 Wk B: Yr 8	



Field

Gym



Sports Hall

Netball Courts

\*\* Activities for girls & boys

Students who have been selected to participate in Archery for this half term have received an email from me.

**Mr Lines, Head of PE**





## Visit to the Royal Institution Christmas Lecture 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Professor Jonathan Van-Tam - Going viral: How Covid changed Science forever.



Royal Institution website

*'The Christmas lectures are the most prestigious event in the Royal*

*Institution's calendar, dating from when Michael Faraday founded the series.*

*They are the world's longest-running television series and always promise to inspire and amaze each year through explosive demonstration and interactive experiments with a live theatre audience.'*

Having the benefit of membership of the Royal Institution allowed the science department to enter the ballot for tickets to the annual Christmas lecture. For the second year we were successful, and were allocated three student tickets.

As a reward for their hard work and commitment in all areas of science study; students were selected at random after recommendations from their science teachers. From Year 12; William Henderson and Emily Dastjerdi and from Year 11 Maya Broughton were chosen from the many student suggestions. These students were escorted by Mrs Vialls & Miss Petrie to the Royal Institution on the evening of 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Professor Van-Tam or 'JVT' as he likes to be known, was appointed Deputy Chief Medical Officer in October 2017. He became a national figure during the Covid -19 Pandemic through his appearances, as Deputy to Professor Sir Chris Whitty, at the Downing Street Prime Minister briefings. His use of colourful language and clear descriptions of statistical data made him a popular figure throughout the national lockdown.

The filming of the Christmas lecture was live and we experienced what it is like to take part in a TV programme. Professor Van-Tam explained the technology of masks and why they were an important tool against the spread of the virus. He emphasised how the fight against the spread of Covid was an international collaboration of scientists in different scientific fields. To illustrate this point he was joined by experts. Professor Catherine Noakes, an Engineer who specialises in airborne infections, illustrated how important ventilation is in dispersing virus particles. Mathematician Professor Julia Gog also joined the lecture and demonstrated the effect of the spread of the virus with reference to the R number through some very clever technology displayed on the audience's mobile phones.

This was a very unique and enjoyable opportunity for us all!

The series of three episodes of the 2021 Christmas lectures can be viewed on the BBC iplayer. [Royal Institution 2021 Christmas Lecture](#)

**Mrs Vialls**  
**Head of Science**





## Applications to our UK Summer Schools and Apprenticeship Summer School are now open!



*"Attending the summer school was one of the best things I have done in my education - it helped me realise that I really wanted to study my subject and that I wanted to go to university"* Summer School Student 2020

*"I was given unique insights from employers and apprentices and on a personal level I was pushed beyond my boundaries. I am so glad that I took this opportunity and would highly recommend it to those considering the apprenticeship route."* Apprenticeship Summer School Student 2020

We are pleased to announce that applications to our 2022 University and Apprenticeship Summer Schools are now open. Read on to find out:

What the different programmes entail  
How students can apply  
Informational webinars for you to find out more  
How we're able to support a further 10,000 students this year

### What are our Summer Schools?

Sutton Trust Summer schools offer students a week-long residential at one of our thirteen partner universities. Our Summer Schools increase confidence, raise aspirations and equip students with the necessary skills to navigate the Higher Education system. Upon completion of their programme, students also gain access to our outstanding alumni community.

All costs including travel, accommodation, food and activities are covered by the Trust and our partners which means it is completely free of charge for students to attend.

You can watch a short video [here](#) that features students and programme alumni to give you a taste of what Sutton Trust Summer Schools are like.

### What is the Apprenticeship Summer School?

The Apprenticeship Summer School is focused on building an understanding of degree apprenticeships, what they involve and whether a degree apprenticeship is the right choice. Students will hear from current apprentices, experience networking opportunities, attend sessions hosted by employers and learn the different application processes employers use.

### How can students apply?

To apply for the programme, students must:

- Be in Year 12 in England or Wales, Year 13 in Northern Ireland, or S5 in Scotland
- Have always attended a UK state-funded secondary school/college (non-fee-paying)

More information about eligibility, and the application form, can be found [here](#).

The application deadline is **Wednesday 9th March**. We are unable to accept any late submissions so please do encourage your eligible students to apply soon.

On our [website](#), you can find a poster and postcard to share with students and parents. Here we have also uploaded an assembly presentation if you would like to speak to a group of students about the Summer Schools.



# FIND OUT WHAT UNIVERSITY LIFE IS REALLY LIKE

**“Taking part in the Summer School has given me a plethora of resources which have helped in my university application.”**

**ATTEND LECTURES AND CLASSES**

**RECEIVE UNIVERSITY  
APPLICATION SUPPORT**

**ACCESS TO SUTTON TRUST ONLINE**

**SPEAK TO CURRENT UNDERGRADUATES**

**JOIN OUR ALUMNI COMMUNITY**

**EXPERIENCE UNIVERSITY LIFE**

**OVER 40 DIFFERENT SUBJECTS**

**13 LEADING UNIVERSITIES**



**FREE TO ATTEND**

**OPEN TO STUDENTS IN:**

**YEAR 12 IN ENGLAND AND WALES**

**YEAR 13 IN NORTHERN IRELAND**

**S5 IN SCOTLAND**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE MIDDAY WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH 2022.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ELIGIBILITY, AND TO APPLY, VISIT:**



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# GETTING YOU ON TRACK WITH DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

*"I was given unique insights from employers and apprentices,  
and I was pushed outside my comfort zone."*

NETWORK WITH TOP EMPLOYERS  
HONE YOUR INTERVIEW SKILLS  
MEET STUDENTS FROM ACROSS THE UK  
RECEIVE APPLICATION SUPPORT  
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**BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL MUSIC  
DEPARTMENT PRESENTS**

# **KS4 SHOWCASE CONCERT**

**WEDNESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY,  
2022, 4PM**

**TICKETS: £3/£2 CONCESSIONS, TICKETS  
AVAILABLE FROM  
[WWW.YOURBOXOFFICE.CO.UK](http://WWW.YOURBOXOFFICE.CO.UK)**







# Thank you for helping us give nature a home.

The money you've raised by fundraising will help us protect birds and other wildlife.

Thank you to Bexley Grammar School, Welling - you have helped us by raising £104 in 2021..

"Our natural world has never needed a helping hand more than it does right now. Thank you so much for giving your support and making a real difference".

Beccy Speight.  
RSPB Chief Executive





# Donation Request

If you're doing a bit of a clear out, the PA would be happy to receive any of the below items to be used in our fundraising events.

Donations can be left at the Reception.

Thank you!

BGS PA

e: [bgspa@bexleygs.co.uk](mailto:bgspa@bexleygs.co.uk)

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## Wine plus

Doing dry January this month or trying to be healthier? If you have any unopened bottles of alcohol, we'd be happy to take them off you and use for raffle prizes!

## Surplus gifts

Did you receive Christmas gifts that are 'surplus' to your requirements? Too many socks, perfume that's not quite you or your bathroom cupboard is overflowing with bath bombs? Candles, bag charms, key rings, jewellery, gloves, ornaments and small games can all be sold in the shops we run for the students or used as prizes.

## Christmas items

If you have any new or preloved Christmas fabric, ribbon or tree decorations you no longer need we can reuse them! Anything that would work for making garland, wreaths or gift jars.







All BGS parents are welcome  
to attend our meetings!  
The next dates are:

**23 FEBRUARY**  
**16 MARCH**  
**20 APRIL**  
**18 MAY**

PA meetings will be held from 7.30-9.00pm  
either at school or on Zoom.

Please email [bgspa@bexleygs.co.uk](mailto:bgspa@bexleygs.co.uk)  
to confirm the meeting place.



## Forthcoming Events

### January 2022

Mermaid Production (see notice)

Wednesday 19th ~ Mermaid production 7pm (tickets automatically transfer from 8/12/21)

Thursday 20th ~ Mermaid production 5.30pm (tickets automatically transfer from 9/12/21)

Friday 21st ~ Mermaid production 7pm (tickets automatically transfer from 10/12/21)

Wednesday 19th ~ Power Day 3

**Tuesday 25th ~ Inset Day school closed to students**

### February

Wednesday 2nd ~ KS3 Showcase Concert (see notice)

Tuesday 8th ~ Year 9 Parents' Evening (letter to follow soon)

Friday 11th ~ Last full school day before half term

**Monday 14th to Friday 18th Half Term ~ school closed to students**

Monday 21st ~ First school day following the half term

Wednesday 23rd ~ PA Meeting (see notice)



### March

Wednesday 9th ~ Closing date for Sutton Trust Summer School Applications (see notice)

Wednesday 16th ~ PA Meeting (see notice)

### April

Wednesday 20th ~ PA Meeting (see notice)

### May

Wednesday 18th ~ PA Meeting (see notice)

