

## Lit in Colour - 100 books for BGS Library

In 2020 Penguin released a report on 'Diversity in Literature in English Schools' which found that fewer than 1% of students at GCSE study a book by a writer of colour. In response they set up a Lit in Colour project to support schools in the UK to make the teaching and learning of English literature more inclusive. I bid for books for BGS and Penguin have kindly donated 100 books to our library, which will be on display until the end of January and students are welcome to come up and borrow these.

Thank you to Mrs Fabris-Abbate for her wonderful creative skills in making the display, and to the many students who helped cut butterflies in their break times!

If you'd like to see a list of the books we have been given you can click [here](#).

***Mrs Carey, School Librarian***

## NEWS LETTER



20th January 2022

[www.bexleygs.co.uk](http://www.bexleygs.co.uk)



## Year 8 Art Perspective Project

Our Year 8 artists have been warping size and space using the power of perspective. These are genuine photos, and no editing has taken place.



**Hannah Smith**



**Isabella Hugget**



**Jerzy Danilczuc**



**Samuel Jusu**





# CONGRATULATIONS



## Year 7 Merit Award Certificates

A massive well done to the students named below as they are the **top two merit earners** in their tutor group for the second half term of the year. Certificates have been awarded and students have been celebrated. The overall winners for the last half term have been awarded a lunch pass for the week. The next two spring terms are shorter and students need to continue to work hard and be helpful, respectful and considerate to earn merits from their tutors and teachers.

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| 7JOO | Emily Chan has been awarded the lunch pass<br>Charlotte Trillow & Rupert Slack have been awarded certificates               |
| 7MAM | Zafir Chaudhuri has been awarded the lunch pass<br>Caitlin Gorman & Josh Harris have been awarded certificates              |
| 7MPM | Daniel Lambin has been awarded the lunch pass<br>Freda Pereira and Giulia Montanari Brown have been awarded certificates    |
| 7STA | Adebola Olateru has been awarded the lunch pass<br>Bay Ferry and Sophie Black have been awarded certificates                |
| 7FTM | Aiden Janse van Rensburg has been awarded the lunch pass<br>Brian Tortiv Ato and Sophie Allen have been awarded certificate |
| 7JMP | Andrey Polyarush has been awarded the lunch pass<br>Shraya Virk & Jesse Ahanon have been awarded certificates               |







## PE News

### Year 9 Rugby

Another win. Well done to the Year 9 rugby team who ran out 26-10 winners over a very big St Columba's side. Tries from Zac (2), Elijah and Andy and kicks from James and Sean sealed the win.

### Year 8 Rugby

Well played by the year 8s on Monday. They performed very well in scoring 9 tries against St Columba's this afternoon, leading to a 45-15 win. Try scorers were: Stelios (3), Caspar, Marvel, Rohisan, Keir, Sam and Theo.

### Year 7 Rugby

Another rugby win! 40-5 for the year 7s over St Columba's. Tries from George (3), Leonard (2), Uzo, Oscar and Valentino added to tremendous display of tackling from the boys. Well done!

**Mr Lines, Head of PE**



### Under 16 Girls' Football

2022... We are hoping to add a trophy to our cabinet! Some of the U16 girls enjoying the afternoon sunshine out on the football field whilst preparing for their semi-final game along with helping support the key stage 3 girls in preparation for their games this term. Good with your games next week!



### Year 7 Netball

The Year 7 netball team continue their success with a win against Trinity. Slow out of the starting blocks but a mighty comeback! Such a lovely bunch of girls - full of enthusiasm, great sportsmanship, a pleasure to take on this away fixture.

Players of match voted by opposition: Sophie and Adebola. Special mention to Laura for ensuring all her teammates had equal time on the court. Superb play ladies!

**Mrs Kemp, PE Department**





Poster by Millie Laming

Each review will be tallied by your class' form tutor(s)

Open to all of year 8

There will be a winning form for which class reads the most

# Reading contest

The book must be 50 pages long or more



Each review is required to have adult's signature

Once the book has been finished, write a 100 word review of what you liked or disliked about it in the book review section of the planner

There will be a mvr (most valued reader) per class who will receive a prize

The amount of books read will be tallied for each individual

Reviews without adult signatures will be discounted



## **Raising awareness about mental health FOOD FAIR IN/ OUTSIDE H4!**

**All are welcome!**

### **About blink:**

Blink mental health charity aims to provide **peer** and **professional** support when people need it most.

**HELP US RAISE MONEY AND AWARENESS,  
WHILE ALSO HAVING FUN! 😊**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED ON THURSDAY 27TH JANUARY**

**LOCATION: H4**

**TIME: 12:45 - 1:15pm**

### **THERE WILL BE:**

FOOD, DRINKS, VOUCHER, RAFFLE  
(guess how many sweets are in the jar £1)

**FIRST 20 PEOPLE TO BUY A RAFFLE TICKET  
GET A FREE SQUASH**

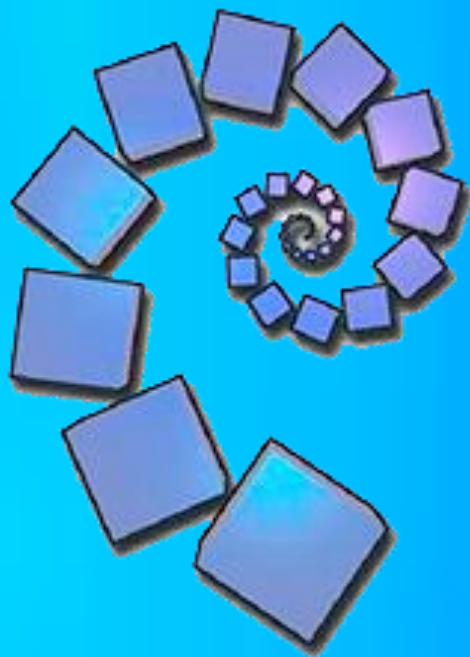
**CASH & COINS ONLY PLEASE 😊**

**FOOD FAIR! FOOD FAIR! FOOD FAIR!  
#BLINKMENTALHEALTH**





## NRICH Waste and Recycling Problem



Congratulations to Rafael De Souza-Plans in 8PDH whose entry to the NRICH Waste and Recycling problem has been featured on the NRICH website, with only one other student in the UK achieving this honour.

The task involved using mathematics to investigate how much waste we produce in the UK, and how much we recycle in different ways. Rafael also completed further research and compared the UK to other countries across the world.

If you would like to investigate this yourself, you can use the material available online here: <https://nrich.maths.org/content/id/14935/waste%20and%20recycling%20small%20v2.pdf>

The next set of NRICH problems is currently online here: <https://nrich.maths.org/9451> and the last day for submissions is Monday 31st January. I encourage you to have a go!

*Miss Rendle, Maths Department*



## BGS Special Needs and Disabilities Department

Feeling weighed down by low mood?

Want to overcome anxiety?

Low mood and depression weigh you down.

Instead, engage, initiate and activate.

Build your power to lift this weight.



Try these Apps.

**Move Mood**  
**Clear Fear**



MOVE MOOD



CLEAR FEAR



## News items you may have missed

### 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, they organised a Fun Run on Thursday 13th January.

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

Thank you

***Ms Lusted and 8REL***

# The Chartwell Charities







## 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



**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)**





## 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
- SPEAK TO CURRENT APPRENTICES
- ACCESS SUTTON TRUST ONLINE
- JOIN OUR ALUMNI COMMUNITY



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# 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

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 ~ KS4 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)

