

NEWSLETTER



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7-11 March 2022

British Science Week is nearly here again and at BGS we have lots of exciting activities, competitions and shows planned. Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for how you can get involved.

Year 7s will be taking part in a national competition run by Bayer UK to design a lab coat. The theme is food waste and we are excited to discuss this important issue with Year 7 and find out what food waste means to them.



Year 8s will also be taking part in a Marine Engineering Workshop, supported by Sea Cadets and Seafarers UK. This is a fun, interactive workshop that has been very popular in the past here at BGS.



Year 9 - 13 will all be taking part in a competition that will build both their literacy and communication skills but also give them the chance to share what is important to them in the field of science. More details to follow.

But perhaps the most exciting event that will be taking place on Wednesday 9th March is a **Wonderstruck Rocket Show** that will take place in the hall with students from Years 7-10! We can't wait to see this amazing show crammed with physics and chemistry and a liberal dose of history for good measure.





8ACR's Fundraising Event

Our social issue

Our class chose mental health as our social issue because the majority of people who suffer from mental health are teenagers and young adults, which means a lot of people who we know. Mental health is also a very serious issue in modern day society as you never know who is suffering and so our class wanted to tackle the issue together with your support.

Our Charity

8ACR chose Mind in Bexley to support our social issue and they are a charity that supports people who suffer with poor mental health. They are located in Bexley which is local and convenient, and they are always there to reach out to people who need help. They are currently only providing for 18 year olds and above but we spoke to Laura who was our from Mind in Bexley she said that they were soon going to start giving help to 16-18 year olds, so keep your fingers crossed for that.

Our Social Action

To raise money and awareness to our cause we decided to do a fundraising film night to watch the movie Free Guy. We charged £2 for entry and also sold snacks too. We were going to do a movie about mental health but we decided on a feel good comedy movie as some of the age ratings were too high. We managed to raise £152.07, as well as some online donations. This money will help the charity continue to run a support phone helpline and also their food bank.

How to donate

If you would like to donate to Mind in Bexley, the money will go directly towards their food bank. Here is our JustGiving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/8acrfirstgive>

Thanks for reading!

Anshika Krishnan, 8ACR





PE News

Football

The Year 7B football team really enjoyed an away trip to Hurstmere on Thursday afternoon. They played some excellent football, dominating much of the game, and were very unlucky to lose 3-2. Well played.



Netball

Smiley girls! Defeated on court but a resounding "yes!" when asked if they enjoyed the game. Chis and Sid were victors this time. Well done to all of the girls and a special mention to Violet, who was voted player of the match by the opposition. Bravo ladies!

Mr Lines, Head of PE



BGS Music Department presents

WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH
2022, 6PM

Icons and Legends

*an evening to celebrate some of the
best of the best!*

Tickets £6/£4 concessions

Tickets available soon



Dartford Orienteering Klubb

Our friends at Dartford Orienteering Klubb have two events aimed at those new to orienteering coming soon:

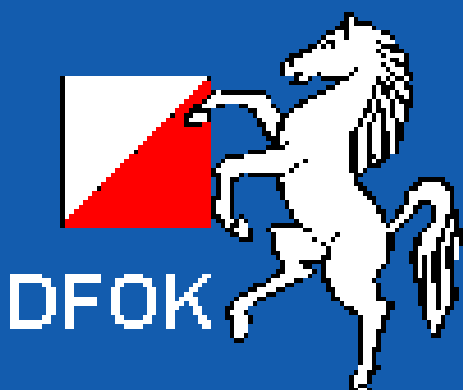
- Danson Park on Saturday 5th March
- Foots Cray Meadows on Saturday 2nd April

Details are available on their website www.dfok.co.uk and entry in advance is again through racesignup.co.uk

Andrew Evans, from DOK said "If the families of any of your pupils are interested in attending, they would be made most welcome".

I know that pupils have attended in the past and had fun - it really is a good activity to get a bit of fresh air as a family, especially as the weather starts to improve.

Mr Lines, Head of PE



Dartford Orienteering
Klubb



London Young Musician is an international online music performance competition, open to classical instrumentalists, vocalists and chamber groups under age 28. In the past year, thousands of candidates from hundreds of countries regions have competed here. The competition is renowned for its high standard international jury panel, consisting of professors from Royal College of Music and experts all over the world, and a unique competition system designed by the world class education specialists, which provides professional pathways and resources for young musicians to build higher musical skills. The application deadline is **1st March**.

Platinum Prize will be awarded to the best musicians regardless of age and categories. Winners will be qualified to enter **Musician of the Year 2022** directly, and will be featured on LYM official social media platforms (YouTube, Instagram & Facebook) with thousands of followers!

- **Gold Prize** winners will feature in our champion showcase videos and have their name displayed in the 'Hall of Champions' on our website.
- **Silver Prize & Bronze Prize** winners will receive the special edition winner e-certificate issued by the London Young Musician competition committee.
- **Special Prize** awarded to any candidate who demonstrates a creative side of themselves in their video entry.
- **Ranking Top 1 Winner** will receive a special edition winner medal, and will be featured on LYM official social media platforms. The winners will also be invited to perform at the LYM online concert.
- **All Participants** will receive adjudicator's comments and official e-certificate for free.



**SONG
ACADEMY**

**FIND YOUR VOICE
FIND YOUR TRIBE**

THE YOUNG SONGWRITER 2022 COMPETITION

Now open for entries!

Calling all young songwriters, creative writers & musicians!

- Aged 8-18? Written your own original songs? Fancy writing your first song?
- The Song Academy Young Songwriter 2022 competition **#SAYS22** is open for entries until the 31st March 2021.
- **Win great prizes** (including a recording studio session and Yamaha equipment worth £1,000), have opportunities to be heard & connect to young songwriters worldwide.
- With judges including **Tom Odell, Plested, Tom Grennan, Miranda Cooper & Calum Scott**, this year will be bigger than ever!
- Check out songacademy.co.uk/SAYS22 for inspiration, tips on songwriting and how to enter **#SAYS22**.

It's a golden opportunity to have your songs heard by an incredible judging panel, connect to other young songwriters, win some fantastic prizes & have access to exclusive opportunities!



Special Educational Needs Department

Autism Service Directory

Bexley Teen Life Team

Main information

Type of service: EarlyBird programmes

The Teen Life programme supports parents and carers of children aged 10-16 with a diagnosis of autism. Each family is allocated two places for parents and carers and a third place for a professional of their choosing (often a member of school staff such as a Teaching Assistant, Teacher or SENCO).

The programmes are held over approximately six weeks, there is one session per week which lasts around two and a half hours.

The programme aims to support families to:

- *Understand autism and how teens experience the world around them,
- *Develop interactions and communication with their teen,
- *Understand their teen's behaviour.

Please contact your local diagnostic team/professional or Local Authority for information on programme availability. If you do not have a Teen Life team in your area please contact your local health and/or education professional to request information regarding post-diagnostic support in your area.

Eligibility

Age: From age 10 to 16

Gender: All genders

Contacts

You can contact us by phone email or post.



Tracy McDonald

Inclusion in the Directory does not imply endorsement of a service by the National Autistic Society. Please read our [full disclaimer](#) for details.



You can help prevent your child missing school by:

- having a routine from an early age and sticking to it
- making sure your child understands the importance of good attendance and punctuality
- making sure they understand the possible implications for themselves and you as a parent if they don't go to school
- taking an interest in their education - ask about school work and encourage them to get involved in school activities
- discussing any problems they may have at school and letting their form teacher know about anything that is causing concern
- not letting them take time off school for minor ailments
- not taking holidays during term time.
- Students are expected to attend every day, there is no longer online working from home. Every day's absence from school is 7 subjects that your child would have missed. The best place for your child to receive an education is in school.



Thank you for your support in promoting good attendance.

Mrs Jeffrey, Attendance Office



News items you may have missed

Club Swimmers

We have a gala at Colfe's School on
Tuesday 8th March.

We will be taking teams from Years 7
to 10 female and male and will be
competing in 50m races across all
4 strokes and relays.

Please see Mr Lines to express your
interest and preferred races.

Thank you





Forthcoming Events

March

Wednesday 9th ~ Closing date for Sutton Trust Summer School Applications
<https://summerschools.suttontrust.com/>

Tuesday 15th ~ Year 10 Virtual Parents' Evening
Wednesday 16th ~ PA Meeting

Wednesday 23rd ~ Icons & Legends, 6pm (see notice)

Monday 28th ~ Power Day 4



April

Friday 1st ~ Last day of the spring term

Monday 4th to Monday 18th ~ Easter Holiday (including Easter Monday Bank Holiday) school closed to student

Tuesday 19th ~ First school day following the Easter Break
Wednesday 20th ~ PA Meeting

Tuesday 26th ~ Year 8 Virtual Parents' Evening

May

Tuesday 3rd ~ Year 7 Virtual Parents' Evening

Wednesday 18th ~ PA Meeting

BGS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

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 to confirm the meeting place.