

Girls' Final
Bexley Grammar Vs
Farringtons - U16 Girls' Kent
Cup Final

Tomorrow!

A huge congratulations to our U16 Girls' football team who have made it to the Kent Final.

**Kick-off is at 5pm on the 21st April,
at Bromley Football Club, Hayes
Lane, Bromley, Kent BR2 9EF.**

The game is ticket only and this is
your **last chance** to purchase tickets
through the link to Eventbrite below;

**[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/
under-16-girls-competition-final-
tickets-296690448117](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/under-16-girls-competition-final-tickets-296690448117)**

Please come along and support the girls
if you are able to, they have worked
extremely hard to get here and seeing so
many familiar faces in the crowd would
give them such a boost.

Mr Skinner & the PE Department



**NEWS
LETTER**



20th April 2022

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BEXLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE 2022

Living up to BGS' academic pedigree, on Thursday 31st of March our formidable Year 13 team of Rhys Belsham, Mack Preston, Mariusz Tang and Lucas Zurdo stepped through the gates of Townley Grammar School, ready to do battle against the other three grammar schools of the borough.

This was more than an inter-schools event. As the four teams sat under the stage lights, a darkened hall of a hundred spectators watching, the mood was clear: the bragging rights of the borough were at stake.

The quizmaster took his place in the central seat, and the event began.

Bexley and Beths established early dominance, sharing the first 150 points between the two teams, with neither Townley nor Chis & Sid scoring at all. However, it soon became clear that Beths, the early leaders, were uncatchable, quickly totting up points and establishing a strong lead.

Despite a slight resurgence from the other two schools, our team's diverse knowledge, ranging from Korean cinema to crisps and snooker, kept them at arm's length.

When the buzzer sounded to bring the game to an end, Beths led, with Bexley still sat in second place, and the other two schools behind.

This is set to be an annual event, with Beths, this year's winners, hosting the next event in a year's time. Thanks to Townley for hosting a well-organised event, and to Mr Morris and Dr Symons for organising our team.

Lucas Zurdo and Mack Preston, Year 13





PE News

Many congratulations to Yuv Pindoria (8ACR) for completing his lifeguard qualification. These qualifications take considerable dedication to achieve, so well done to him for achieving his gold award.

Mr Lines, Head of PE



Winner of the Bexley Winter Shelter Raffle

Congratulations to Reggie Cyril-Osunde (7MAM) who won 10ML's raffle in aid of Bexley Winter Shelter! The winter shelter does brilliant work in the borough helping some of the most vulnerable people in our community and 10ML chose them to receive money from our raffle and a share of the donations following the non-uniform day last term. We are very happy to be sending them a cheque for just over £400. We hope that Reggie enjoys his prize.

Mr Lines, 10ML Form Tutor



In celebration of the 700th anniversary of the death of the Italian poet Dante Alighieri, author of *La Divina Commedia - Inferno, Purgatorio e Paradiso*, the University of Oxford is running the **Dante 700 Competition** and more than 50 BGS students of Italian took part in this cultural initiative.

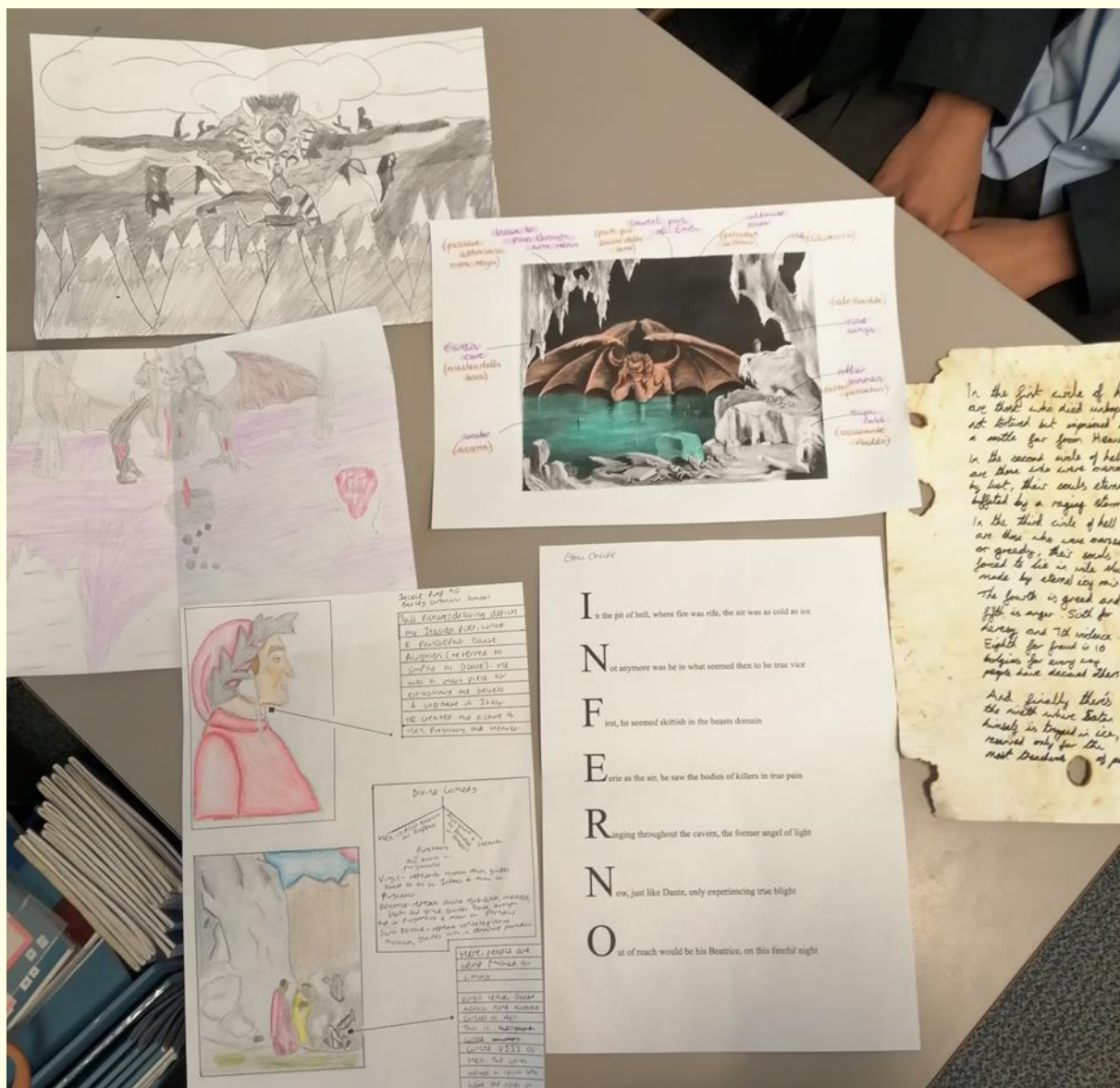
In the MFL Department, Italian teachers took this chance to teach KS3 and KS4 students about Dante's *Inferno*, with a focus on Lucifer. Dante is one of the most influential Italian authors of all time and *Inferno* is part of the Italian school syllabus at KS3, KS4 and KS5. Students were asked to produce either a visual or a written response to Dante's masterpiece and the result was a tremendous amount of imaginative entries (including a Dante-themed focaccia and a Lucifer-inspired cake!), which have now all been submitted to the university portal for the national competition. We have high hopes that some of these works will feature in an online anthology on the Oxford University website to be published soon.

Best of luck to all our participants (or as we say in Italian, *in bocca al lupo!*)

Miss Giglione



Year 9





His

L eathery, featherless wings are an
U nbearable sight to see. He
C runches on people sent to live
I n hell. Just like them, Lucifer is
F orever trapped there,
E ncased in ice as punishment for
R evolting against God.

D**OWNWARDS SPIRAL*A**NGEL OF LIGHT TRAPPED WITHIN****N**INE DEMONIC CIRCLES****T**REACHERY TO LUST****E**MINENT GUESTS****S**TAY FOR ETERNITY****I**N THE COMPANY OF VIRGIL****N**AVIGATING SINS OF****F**RAUD, MALICE, VIOLENCE AND BESTIALITY****E**NDLESSLY CONDEMNED****R**EJECTING SPIRITUAL VALUES****N**ARRATING THEIR STORIES****O**F UNREPENTANCE*

Dante 700

The ninth circle of hell is an icy terrain, with Lucifer's giant, hideous figure protruding from the ice, like the centrepiece of a grim work of art. His three heads, each tediously chewing a traitor with sharp, animalistic teeth, are attached to his mangled, inhumane body. Bat-like wings sprout from his body, two in front of each head, throwing cold winds across the already frozen landscape. His twisted horns stick out from the top of his head, growing randomly as if they were the only things able to move in the arctic environment. Even his monstrous arms are static, icicles attached to the ends of each hair.

On closer inspection, they can see that the three sinners being consumed are Judas, Brutus and Cassius, all men who betrayed their masters. Their disfigured bodies, half in Lucifer's mouths, are drenched in his tears of repentance. Despite his horrific form, the pair can still sense the spark of divinity within him, pushed down by his rage at god for banishing him here. The same feeling emanates from the other sinners, frozen in the same ice as Lucifer's legs. Now at its source, the melancholy atmosphere felt throughout the entirety of Hell overpowers all traces of happiness, leaving Dante and Virgil struggling to find the motivation to leave. "Follow me," Virgil mutters, and starts walking around Lucifer. Dante follows, glad to be leaving this damned place.

Year 10



L lui è lucifero e ha tre teste, anche è molto brutto

Under the Earth, in hell he is stuck in a lake full of frozen water with his body half submerged.

Ci sono nove cerchi all'inferno e Lucifer è nel nono cerchio

It is believed that he used to be an angel but was banished from heaven as a punishment

Fa molto freddo all'inferno perché lucifer può fare venti
freddo con le tre ali sul suo tre menti

Everyone in the ninth circle is stuck in the frozen water like Lucifer but he is in the centre as he was the ultimate sinner

Rimane bloccato per sempre, lui non può mai uscire inferno



Year 8 'Star of the Term' Spring 2022 JADE!

Congratulations!

All of Year 8 Form Tutors nominated a 'Star of the Term' during the Spring Term, which was voted for by school staff. I'm delighted to award Jade in 8REL with the Year 8 Star of the Term for always being involved in activities going on around the school, from House Drama and Dance to STEM club. Jade is always enthusiastic and brings fun and energy to the class. She works incredibly hard and puts a huge amount of effort into everything she does.

Well done Jade!

Mr Martin, Miss Fuwa and Ms Lusted



Please sponsor Dylan- Running to Support the Greenwich & Bexley Hospice, in memory of his amazing Dad

I am running in the mini-marathon for Greenwich and Bexley Hospice, in memory of my amazing dad. He would always play football with me, take me to the park, and would never let me get bored. Whatever I was interested in he would always try to be involved so he could spend more time with me. He was truly the greatest dad someone could ever ask for. On March 1st, 2020, he passed away peacefully at home, at the age of 46. He passed away surrounded by family. This wouldn't have been possible without the hospice. They provided a hospital bed and regular home check-ups to make sure he was comfortable. They also supported my mum too. I will be eternally grateful for the hospice's service, and for that reason, they hold a very special place in my heart.

My dad loved a marathon, as he ran 2 London marathons. He would be looking down on me now with a smile on his face knowing I'd be running my first ever marathon, in memory of him.

Thank you for taking the time to read my story and sponsor me for my run.

Dylan

If you would like to sponsor Dylan please click on the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dylanbanks>


**Greenwich & Bexley
Community Hospice**



Years 7- 9 present...

Tickets available from

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/as-you-like-it-tickets-308577763397>

AS YOU
LIKE IT

***Thursday 28th April &
Friday 29th April
7 pm start***

**A story of hidden identities, evil uncles,
quarreling brothers, and romance!**

Tickets cost:

£4 Students

£6 Adults



WHO WANTS TO BE A DJ?



What is DJ-ing?

DJ-ing is an art-form based on using turntables to bring different pieces of music together to create a live performance. There are lots of different styles of DJ-ing, including:

- Reggae / Soundsystem selection (no mixing, pure selection, generally working with vocalists and MCs).
- Hip-Hop / Turntablism (highly technical, performance DJ-ing using fast cuts between tracks plus techniques such as scratching and beat-juggling - can be with or without an MC).
- Electronic Dance Music DJ-ing (longer, more careful blends between dance tracks to create a seamless, continuous musical experience - typical of genres such as House, Techno, Trance and EDM which generally operate without MCs).
- Contemporary DJ-ing (combining a mixture of the above approaches for a high-impact experience, typically seen in genres such as Jungle, Drum & Bass, UK Garage, Dubstep and Grime).

What skills will I learn?

- Identifying different music genres.
- Counting beats and following different rhythmical patterns (often two or more at the same time) - essential for playing in bands and ensembles as well as conducting classical music.
- Understanding the relationships between different musical keys - what it means for something to be "in key" and "out of key". This is essential for songwriting and composition.
- Understanding the structure of music - essential for your own songwriting and compositions across any musical genre or style.
- "Scratching" and other types of performance turntablism.

What can DJ-ing help with in life?

- DJ-ing is an essential skill for many career-paths into the music industry and can also open up some really interesting opportunities via the people it forces you to meet. Just some of the roles it can lead to include: A&R, Artist Manager, Artist Liaison, Backing DJ (for rappers and vocalists), Booking Agent, Events Promoter, Music Journalist / Critic, Radio Presenter, Record Label Manager, Tastemaker and of course, full-time professional DJ.
- If you are dedicated enough, DJ-ing can lead towards you being paid to travel the world - there is a huge electronic music community worldwide and events promoters are always looking for the next up-and-coming act to fly in before their competition does first! So far, my own career has taken me to Croatia, The Netherlands, The USA and most of the UK.
- The electronic music community is full of lovely people and it's a great way to meet new friends.

Interested in signing up?

- Ask your form tutor for a copy of the following link:
<https://www.bgsperformingarts.com/instrumental-lessons.html>
- Or, get your parents / guardians to email me at lac.outing@gmail.com





News items you may have missed



**BGS MUSIC
DEPARTMENT**

QUIZ NIGHT

Bring your own drinks
and snacks!

Saturday,
**May
7th**
6:00pm - 8:00pm

**TEAMS
OF 6!**

To buy tickets, please go
on to Parent Pay



Ukraine Crisis Appeal - We need your help :)

We are holding a raffle competition for people to win beautifully handmade gift baskets, to raise money for the Ukraine Crisis Appeal.

We would appreciate it if students, parents and staff can **donate gifts** that we can use in these baskets.

Donations of unopened sweets, Easter Eggs and chocolates, good condition small books and toys, unopened toiletries, vouchers for local shops and alike would be greatly appreciated.

We will start collecting items after the Easter holidays so please remember us over the two week break when you perhaps have a spring clean or have eaten enough chocolate!

Please can students bring in any gift donations to school from Tuesday 19th until Monday 25th April.

News of sales of raffle tickets to come soon!

Thank you in advance.

Kiera Lincoln & Katie Neicho, Year 12





BGS Summer Fayre & Sports Day

Saturday 11th June 2022



Important Notice

Our annual joint Sports Day and Summer Fayre is nearly upon us! On Saturday 8th June, **students in Years 7 to 10 and Year 12 will attend school from 9.30am until approximately 2.45pm.** Parents, friends and Years 11 and 13 are welcome to join us from 10.30am until approximately 2.15pm but please note that there will be no parking available on site. Please remember to plan for the day off in lieu on **Monday 13th June** when the **school is closed** (apart from public examinations).

There are now over forty stalls, many of them traditional, some refreshingly new. Please join us to support your child at the Fayre and at the Sports Day track events, finishing with the relays towards 2.00pm. There is stiff competition between the Houses, as ever; the day promises excitement for all! Please be aware that your son/daughter should be prepared for spending most of the day outside. Students are welcome in their own clothes (at no charge) but are being encouraged to support their House colours. **Students should have a hat, sun cream and a bottle of water for the day.** The canteen will be serving lunch as usual (cashless and cash transactions welcome) and there will also be a range of world foods available, from fabulous Japanese food to mouth-watering pulled pork!

We do not anticipate poor weather, but in the event of sustained torrential rain the school will decide on the appropriate course of action after morning registration.

Mrs R Mallin
Assistant Head





40 wristbands left!

BGS PA is pleased to have secured reduced price wristbands (£16.50 each - saves you £6!) for unlimited use of all suitable rides at Adventure Island, Southend. They can be used on any one day in 2022 when the park is open.

To purchase, visit:

bgspa.co.uk/adventure

You can purchase for the Easter holidays.





BGS PA

Craft Club!

The PA is going to sell crafts at the Summer Fayre in June so we need to get busy making things and need helpers!

We're going to kickstart the parents' Craft Club with a planning session over Zoom.

Email us if you'd like to be involved!

bgspa@bexleygs.co.uk





Forthcoming Events

April

Wednesday 20th ~ PA Meeting

Monday 25th - Friday 29th Year 10 Mock Examinations Week

([click here](#) for Mr Mackle's letter)

Monday 25th ~ Schoolcloud booking system closes for the Year 8 Parents' Evening at midday

Tuesday 26th ~ Schoolcloud booking system opens for the Year 7 Parents' Evening at midday

Tuesday 26th ~ Year 8 Virtual Parents' Evening 4pm - 7pm

May

Monday 2nd Bank Holiday school closed to students

Tuesday 3rd ~ Schoolcloud booking system closes for the Year 7 Parents' Evening at midday

Tuesday 3rd ~ Year 7 Virtual Parents' Evening 4pm - 7pm (letter to follow)

Wednesday 18th ~ PA Meeting

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June - Half Term school closed to students

June

Saturday 11th ~ Summer Fayre & Sports Day (normal school day - see notice)

Monday 13th ~ Day in lieu of SF&SD school closed to students **except** for public examinations

Please click [here](#) to the full summer term
calendar of events

BGS PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

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

~~20 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.