

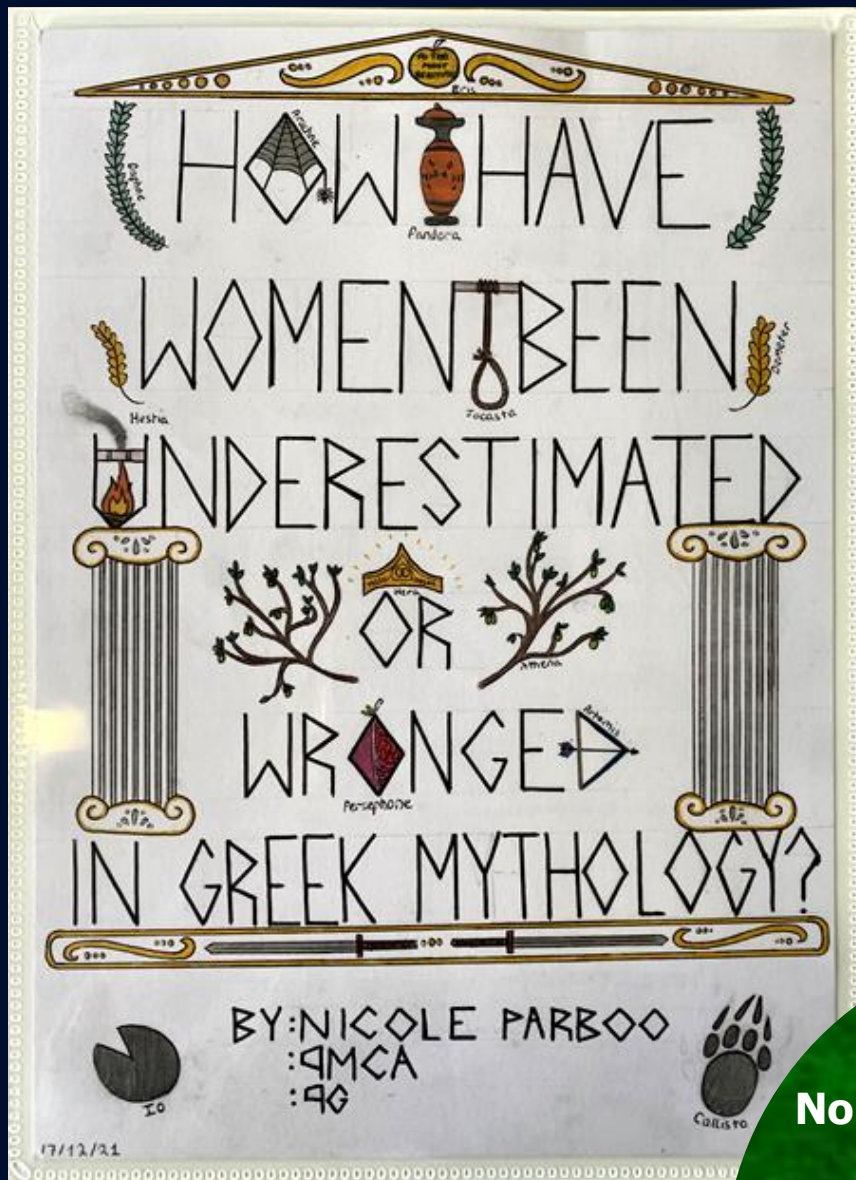


# NEWSLETTER

## Year 9 ILP success!

Congratulations to all Year 9 students on completing their Independent Learning Projects.

**Congratulations!**



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**North Kent Cup  
Final**

**Thursday 12th May  
5pm  
Come & Support our  
Year 11 Boys**



**TITLES:** The Most Beautiful Woman in the World  
The Face that launched 1000 Ships  
Helen of Sparta  
Helen of Troy  
Helen of Joy  
Helen of Slaughter

**MOTHER:** Leda or Nemesis (depending on the version you believe/have read)

**FATHER:** Zeus

**SISTERS:** CLYTEMNESTRA, Philonoe, Phoebe and Timandra

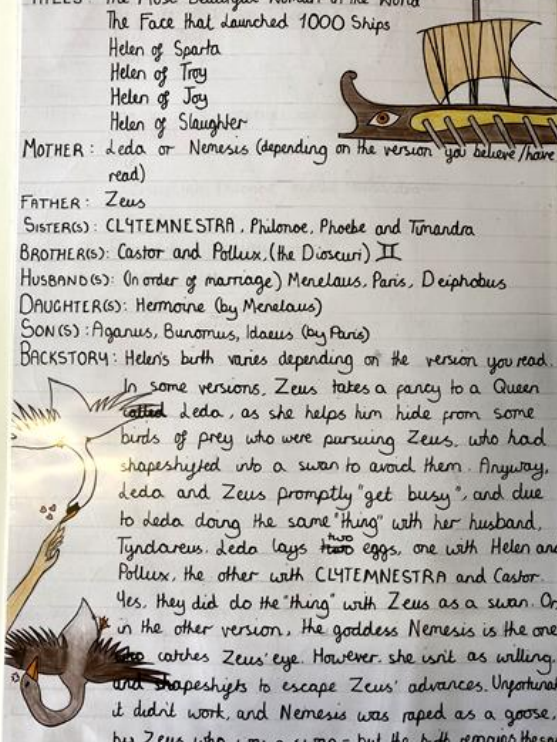
**BROTHER(S):** Castor and Pollux (the Dioscuri) II

**HUSBAND(S):** (in order of marriage) Menelaus, Paris, Deiphobus

**DAUGHTER(S):** Hermione (by Menelaus)

**SON(S):** Agamemnon, Orestes, Iphigenia (by Menelaus)

**BACKSTORY:** Helen's birth varies depending on the version you read. In some versions, Zeus takes a fancy to a Queen ~~Leda~~ Leda, as she helps him hide from some birds of prey who were pursuing Zeus, who had shapeshifted into a swan to avoid them. Anyway, Leda and Zeus promptly "get busy", and due to Leda doing the same "thing" with her husband, Tyndareus, Leda lays ~~two~~ two eggs, one with Helen and Pollux, the other with CLYTEMNESTRA and Castor. Yes, they did do the "thing" with Zeus as a swan. Or, in the other version, the goddess Nemesis is the one who catches Zeus' eye. However, she isn't as willing, and shapeshifts to escape Zeus' advances. Unfortunately it didn't work, and Nemesis was raped as a goose, by Zeus who was a swan - but the birth remains the same.



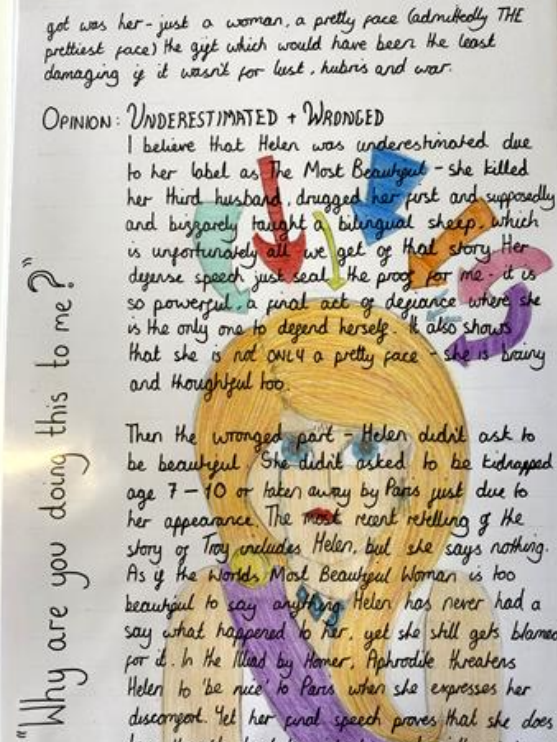
got was her - just a woman, a pretty face (admittedly THE prettiest face) the gift which would have been the least damaging if it wasn't for lust, hubris and war.

**OPINION: UNDERESTIMATED + WRONGED**

I believe that Helen was underestimated due to her label as The Most Beautiful - she killed her third husband, drugged her first and supposedly and bizarrely taught a bilingual sheep, which is unfortunately all we get of that story. Her defense speech just seals the proof for me - it is so powerful, a final act of defiance where she is the only one to depend herself. It also shows that she is not ONLY a pretty face - she is brainy and thoughtful too.

Then the wronged part - Helen didn't ask to be beautiful. She didn't ask to be kidnapped age 7-10 or taken away by Paris just due to her appearance. The most recent retelling of the story of Troy includes Helen, but she says nothing. As if the World's Most Beautiful Woman is too beautiful to say anything. Helen has never had a say what happened to her, yet she still gets blamed for it. In the Illiad by Homer, Aphrodite threatens Helen to 'be nice' to Paris when she expresses her discomfort. Yet her final speech proves that she does have thoughts about her situation and finally gets to speak for herself.

"Why are you doing this to me?"



Nicole Parboo, 9MCA



This has been a great opportunity to explore a topic of interest which is unique to each student. There have been a wider spectrum of themes covered - from the impact of Artificial Intelligence to the effects of video games, and the impact of fast fashion to histories of a variety of sports including football, ballet and chess!

The ILP is intended to introduce students to some of the key skills of independent research and meeting deadlines, which they will develop through their GCSE studies and onwards within the IB in the Sixth Form.

The quality of work has been extremely high, and examples of student work will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Well done Year 9 - excellent effort!

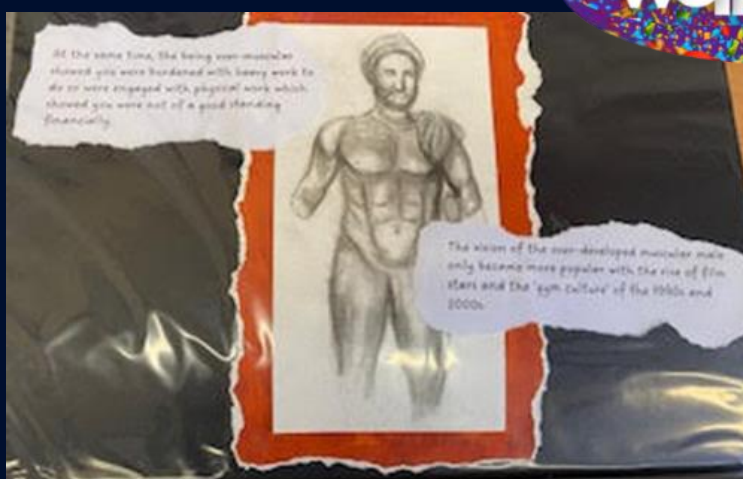
**Mrs Spencer**  
**Senior Academic Mentor, Year 9**

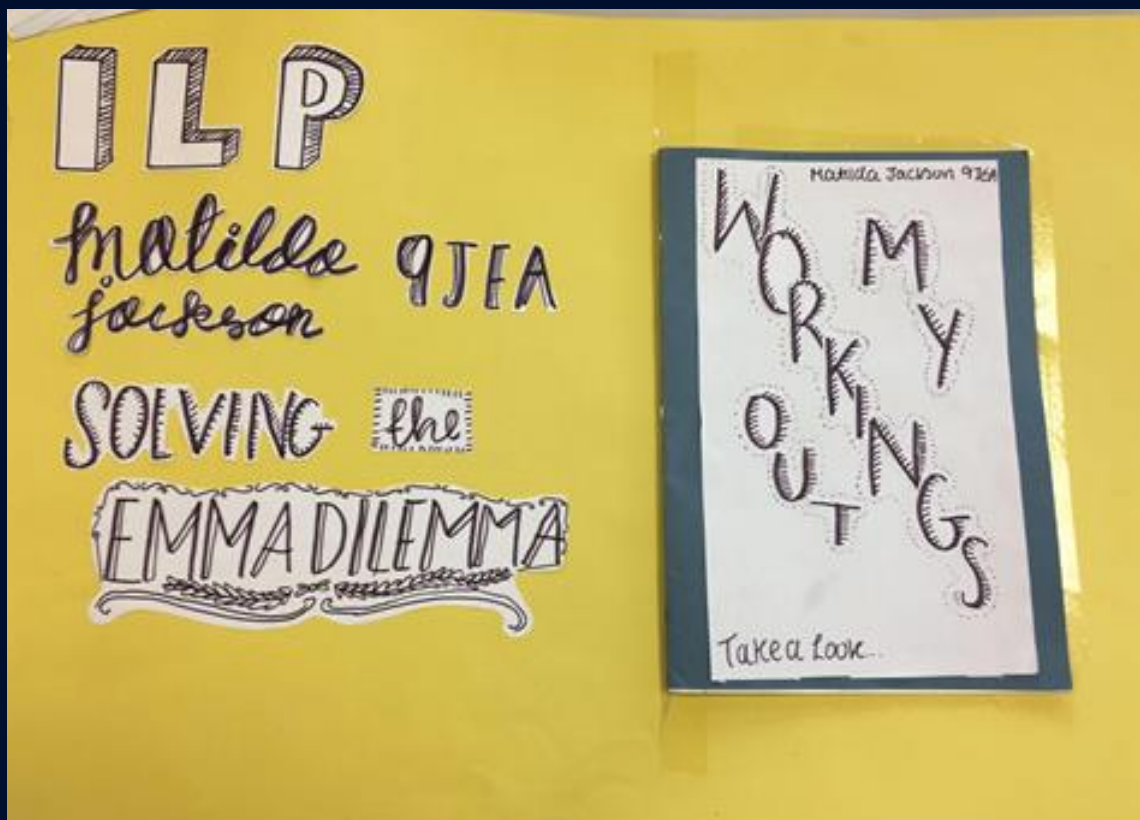




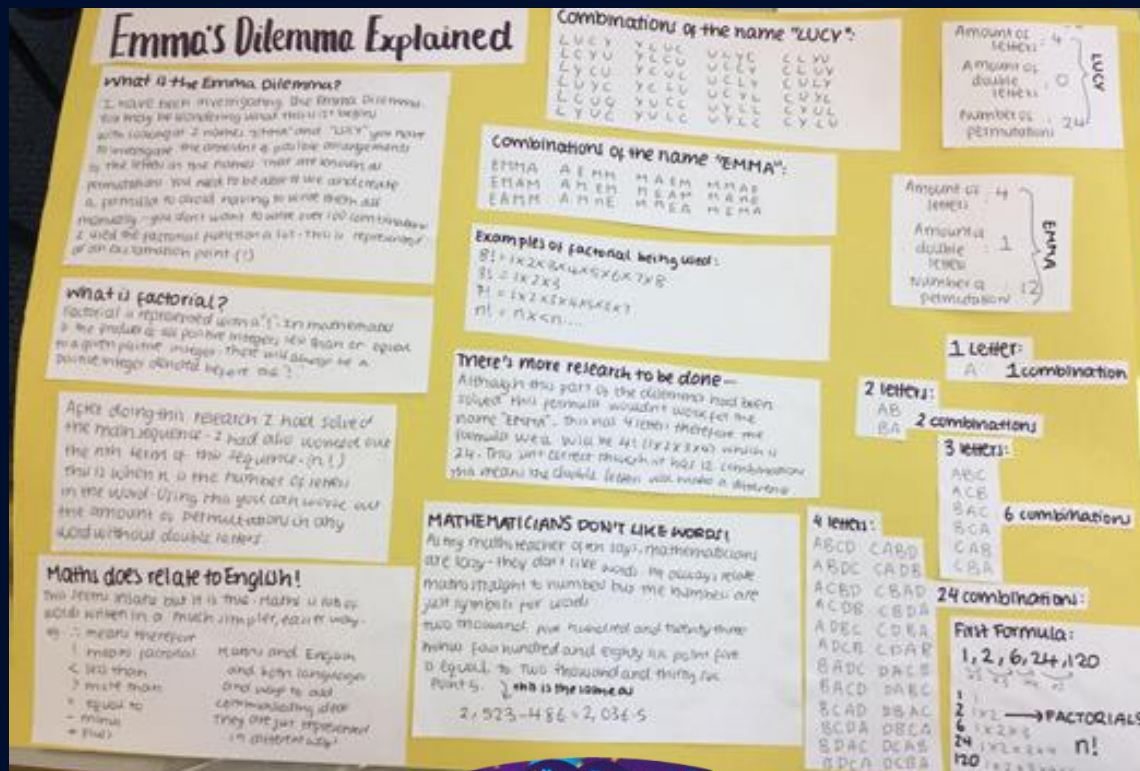
Toby Geden, 9ELS

well done!

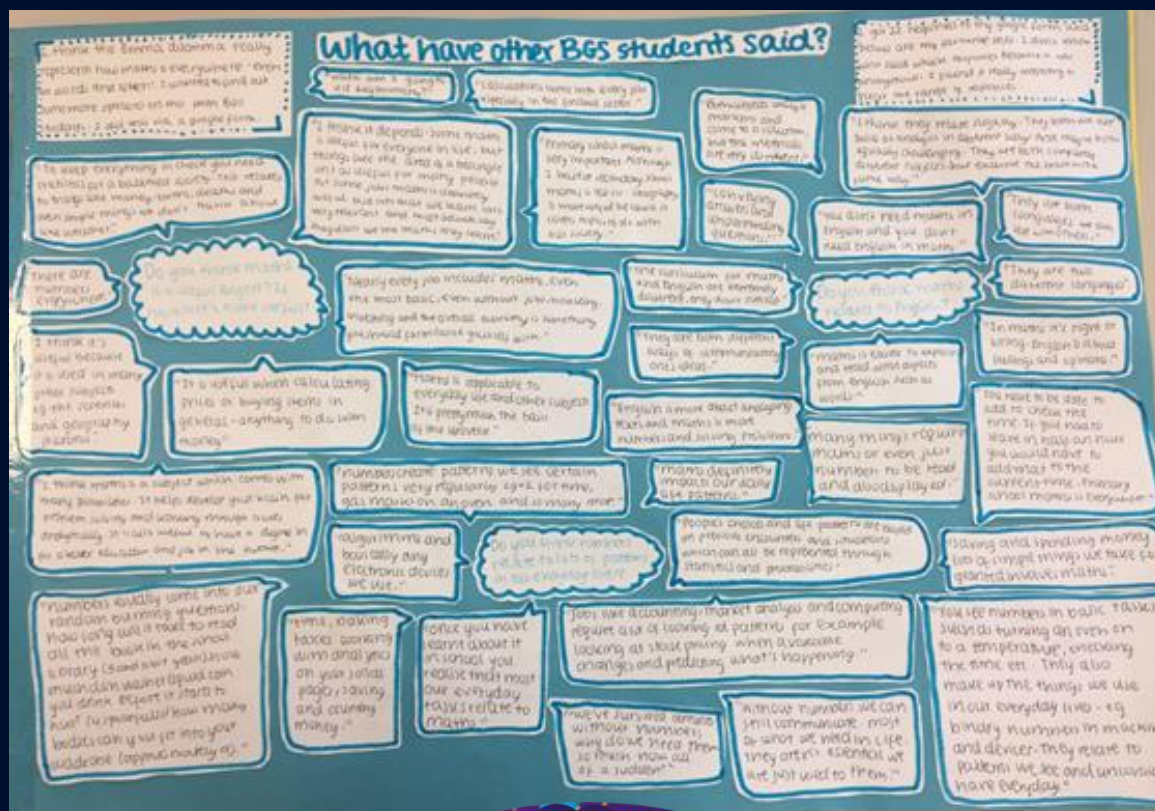




Matilda Jackson, 9JEA







## PE News

The PE department would like to say a huge thank you to all of our Year 7 students, their families and friends who helped us raise over £1300 on our recent Power Day. Year 7 completed a 5km run around the school field on a very foggy morning, and your support has enabled us to purchase a new skills pitch for our cricket teams to use when we relocate the outdoor cricket nets.

We would particularly like to congratulate Ikenna Azodoh (7J00) who was our top fundraiser across the whole year group. His £60 in sponsorship doubtless helped 7J00 claim the prize for the highest form total - they contributed £325 to the total. I will be coming along to an academic monitoring soon with your prizes (don't get too excited!).

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

**Mr Lines, Head of PE**







# North Kent Cup Final Thursday 12th May

Come and Support Our Year 11 Boys' Football Team

The Year 11 Boys' football team recently beat St Columba's in the North Kent Cup semi-final.

They will now play Bexleyheath Academy on Thursday 12th May at 5pm. I know the boys would love your support, so it would be great to see you down there to cap off an excellent 5 years of football for them at BGS.

***Mr Martin, PE & History Department***

**The game will be played at  
Cray Valley (PM) - The Artic Stadium  
Middle Park Avenue  
Eltham, SE9 5HP.**

Good Luck to all of the squad

Aidan Wicks  
Leo Ridge  
Riley Woods  
Oli Knight (c)  
Mason McKenna  
Dayo Sijuade  
Dillon Walton  
Obi Igwe  
Arinze Chukwejekwu  
Eman Eyin  
Jonny Lawson  
Liam Hutchings  
Dexter Gilchrist  
Ilkan Aydigun  
Malachy Turner







## Kent County Rugby Success!

These lovely students, Mia Millin and Sophie Pooley, have been selected to represent Kent in the U15 Rugby squad. The girls went through a rigorous process over a series of sessions and we are pleased to celebrate their success. We are so proud of you both and the look on your faces when you received the email was amazing! Another two names to add to the honours board so keep a look out. Enjoy the moment, huge congratulations!



## Girls' U16s Kent Cup Success!

Following on from the U16s success in the Kent Cup, our U14 football girls stormed through to the next round of the 'Sisters in Sport' National Cup with an almighty 6-0 win against St Johns, Enfield. 4 fabulous goals from Macie Richardson and 2 from I sabelle Dorney; one struck beautifully from a corner! A clean sheet for our GK Ava and solid defending from the back line. Onto the next round at home... watch this space! Well done ladies.

***Mrs Kemp, PE Department***





## World Classical Music Awards

### World Classical Music Awards (WCMA)

is a premium international online music competition which invites exceptional classical musicians of all ages and instruments to participate. The aim of the competition is to identify musicians who demonstrate their musical talent and love for music as well as strong artistic forces and stage presences.

### **17 Categories in 4 Zones**

WCMA opens to all classical musicians of all ages. This means a clear division of the different zones of competitors and a fair result.

Numerous prizes include featuring on True Art TV artist channel, professional personal winning posters, names displayed in the Hall of Fame, excellent Teacher Award and more.

Visit [www.worldclassicalmusic.com](http://www.worldclassicalmusic.com) to apply.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **6th June 2022**







# **BGS PA Craft Club...**

**would love to upcycle  
your old cotton textiles!**

**Can you donate any of these items:**

- jeans
- t-shirts
- duvets, sheets, pillowcases
- new fabric / scraps, wool or ribbon

**Please leave at reception (by Fri 13 May)  
in a bag marked 'PA Craft Club'**

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

***thank you!***



The BGS PA Lotto is a monthly draw to raise funds for the school. This was previously known as the Millennium Club.

### How does it work?

Each month there is a prize draw with a first prize of £15 and a second prize of £10.

To enter the draw you need to purchase a share. Each numbered share costs £5 for the year and is entered into the following 12 monthly draws plus an additional Christmas bonus draw.

\*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.

Visit

**[bgspa.co.uk/lotto](http://bgspa.co.uk/lotto)**

**to order your shares!**





# BGS Summer Fayre & Sports Day

*Saturday 11th June 2022*

*10.30am - 2.30pm*



**ALL students are expected to attend school on Saturday 11th June.  
(9.25am-2.30pm)**

**Monday 13th June will be a day off in LIEU.**

**All competitors must wear their BGS PE kit and appropriate footwear for their event.**

**All non-competitors can attend in non-uniform, but we would like to see their House colour represented in some way.**

**Students will register in their form rooms with their tutor in the morning at 9.25am and again at 2.30pm when they will be dismissed.**

**Parents, extended family and friends are all invited to join us at 10.30am for this much awaited event.**

**Any questions please feel free to contact me.**

*Mrs Mallin*

**Donations welcome  
Raffle prizes  
Bottles for the Tombola  
New/unused toys  
Crockery- for smashing**





News items you may have missed

# 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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**







**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



## Forthcoming Events

### May

Saturday 7th ~ Music Department Quiz, 6pm (see notice)

Thursday 12th ~ North Kent Cup Final, 5pm (see notice)

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:

~~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.