



NEWSLETTER

My Night at BAFTA!

In 2019, I entered a competition to become BAFTAs young presenter. I have always loved and enjoyed working in front of the camera, and I thought this would be a new and exciting for me to try.

I was absolutely overjoyed when I found out that I had won the competition, and never in my wildest dreams did I realise the opportunities that would come with it. I have been fortunate to attend some fantastic events and interviewed some famous faces that you might recognise from TV, film and radio.



well done!



This week, BAFTA invited me to attend their 75th anniversary and I got to meet some incredible people such as; Martin Freeman, Gemma Whelan, Kit Conner and William Gao (from Heartstopper), and Dexter Fletcher. They were all amazing to interview and they gave me lots of helpful tips and advice for my future in presenting and acting.

Gracie Gosling, Year 9



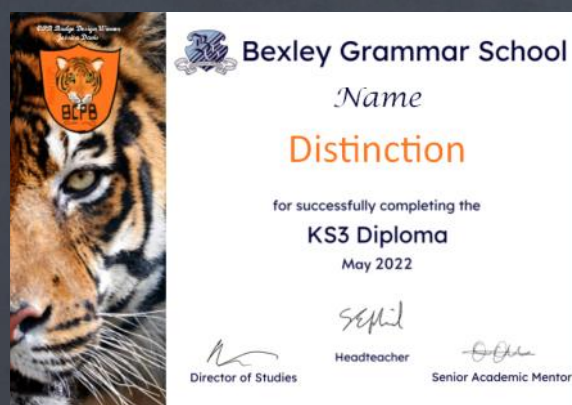
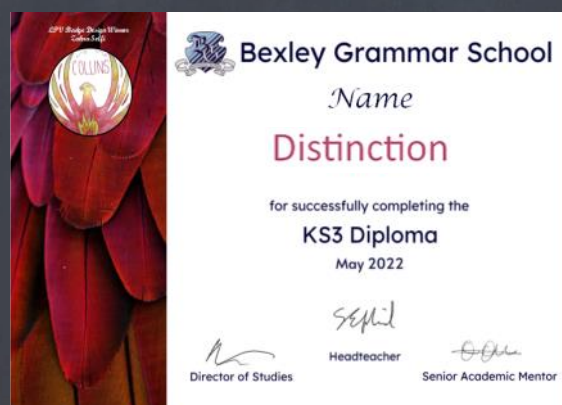


Year 8 Diploma Evening

On Tuesday 17th May, Year 8 celebrated their Diploma Evening following two years of hard work and commitment in various aspects around the school. It was brilliant to see so many of you in person and an absolute pleasure to speak to you after the event. One of the things Covid has caused to be missing from your child's experience at Bexley Grammar School has been the interactions that would usually take place within the school and we hope that this sees a re-opening of these opportunities. We look forward to meeting more of you at the Summer Fayre on Saturday 11th June.

Congratulations to all students for their outstanding efforts!

Mr Martin and Miss Fuwa





PE News



Athletics

Well done to our Year 9 & 10 athletes, who represented us brilliantly at the Bexley Athletics Championships on Thursday. We had a fantastic time in the sun. We must also thank our brilliant Year 12s who helped run the event - especially Timothy (not pictured) who was chief referee for the day. Well done everyone!



Mr Lines, Head of PE



Amazing Sporting Achievements in Year 7

Huge congratulations go to three of our Year 7 students who have achieved sporting success in the last couple of weeks outside of school. I am always delighted to hear about the achievements of our Year 7 students beyond school.



Jamie Hawney, 7JOO and Austin Tanner, 7MAM

On Tuesday 17th May 2022 at Welling United Football Club the U12s Bexley District Schools Football Team played in the Kent Cup Final.

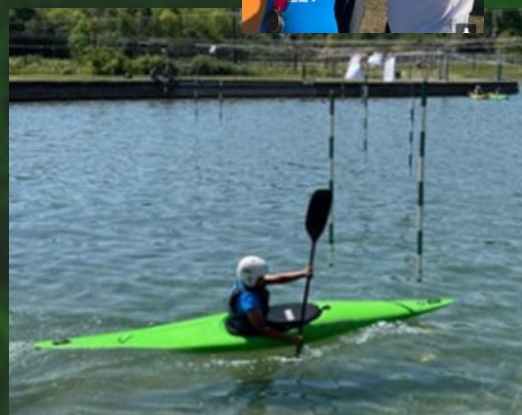


It was a tough match against the West Kent Schools District Team with moments which were tense and nervous for all watching. After coming from a goal down after 10 minutes, Bexley were 2-1 by the half term whistle. With the game ending 3-1 to Bexley. This outstanding result means that Bexley were crowned the Kent Cup Winners for the U12s. An excellent result for the team and very well done to Jamie and Austin in Year 7.

On a very different note, **Arjun Malhotra in 7FTM** has had an excellent result in Kayaking. He represented the London Borough of Bexley for Slalom in "Year 7 and under" category and Sprint in "Year 10 and under" category. Arjun secured second place and silver medal with a time of 55.77 seconds for the slalom just 0.05 seconds behind the champion gold. With the Bexley Slalom team securing a gold. The Medals were presented by Joseph (Joe) Clark the Olympic Gold Medallist - 2016 Olympic Champion in the canoe slalom men's K1, who made history at the Rio Games by winning GB's first gold medal in this event. It was a wonderful experience at the Olympic facility of Lee Valley White Water Centre.



In Arjun's words, "It was brilliant to represent Bexley at the games. I like kayaking and the opportunity to train for and compete at the London games was a privilege. I really like the heavy medals they give when you win. The Olympic facilities at Lee Valley were very impressive. Meeting Joe Clark and actually getting to hold his real Olympic medal was awesome and inspiring. Joe answered a number of questions and how hard he works for his training. However, it was nice to know he does steal some time for PlayStation and loves a pizza once in a while".





Congratulations boys and keep up the training so future success and wins are yours.

Mrs Belton Owen
Director of Studies, Year 7



Boys' Tennis

Our tennis fixtures have kicked off in earnest for the boys. An afternoon of tennis singles and doubles matches for our Year 8, 9 and 10's in the sunshine against Dulwich College. Exemplary sportsmanship on display, along with fiercely fought rallies and almighty serves. A thoroughly enjoyable fixture, well done boys!

Mrs Howard, PE Department



Young Enterprise Team 'Pothos' at the East London Company of the Year Awards

This year's Young Enterprise team, Pothos, were invited to showcase their achievements and compete with other schools in the East London Company of the Year Awards. With only two weeks to prepare following mock exams, the five team representatives got to work producing a detailed business report, developing their trade stand and producing and practicing the presentation they needed to give on the day.

Their dedication paid off and they wowed judges with their business knowledge and acumen. They addressed a room of around 100 people, including local business owners, head-hunters for large accounting firms and, most intimidating of all, teachers. The students were fantastic and delivered a flawless, charismatic presentation of their experiences over the last year. The judges were impressed and honoured the team with the Journey Award, signalling their diligence, enthusiasm and development of skills - particularly in a large team of 32 (most teams are less than 15) students.

Huge congratulations to all of the team for their part in this learning experience and in particular to Chijioke Ifeanyi-Dibie (Managing Director), Adesh Sahni, Leila Thaifa, Marie Mitambo and Swikar Sharma for representing the team so well.

Look out for Pothos's stall at the BGS Summer Fayre on Saturday 11th June where you can buy their sustainable tote bags and bath boxes.

Mrs Harris, Head of Business & Economics





500 Word Short Story Winners ~ 3rd Place

Log of James Martin Police Chief

LOG 1

It was him again. Of course, not that I'm surprised, it's just that...that all this is starting to get repetitive. Too repetitive. Whenever there's a case that the police need to handle in this town it's always him. Or... could it be **them**? Whenever we think we have him, another case pops up even though he's locked up. Oh well, I guess we'll look at it tomorrow. His mark has these runes on them. We don't know what they mean but they're written using his victim's blood. We checked and they always match. They are always killed in the most remote locations we can find. The least isolated area was the forest where all the citizens are forbidden to go without police authorization. Something's fishy.

LOG 2

All the signs point towards one person. We managed to translate the runes on this symbol and it all points toward one person. It translates to **THE ANONYMOUS**. But still, I seem to be getting too obsessed with all this. I should have a rest. I'm starting to feel a bit... drowsy almost. Everything is blurry and out of focus. My head is starting to spin and my body is aching in every manner. Perhaps it was just because of a hard day's work. I've never felt like this before though.

LOG 7

There was another one. Five days ago. The same symbol, but there was one thing that was different. The runes. They were displayed differently and we decoded them again. All they were this time were 2 letters. **JM**. It stands for nothing that I can think of related to these murders.

LOG 127

No new leads. But I start to feel odd. Almost paranoid. Like someone's always watching me. And my head, it just feels so weird as if I'm not the one controlling myself. It just switches between on and off every now and then and it just feels like there are these blank spots in the middle where I **CAN'T REMEMBER ANYTHING!!!** It just feels... wrong. I always seem to black out and collapse and when I wake up, I'm in a completely different area. Something's wrong with me. I just don't know what.

LOG 3605

I think I've done it. I've finally done it! But I'm not quite sure I like it. Half of me is just happy it's over. But the other half... just can't believe it. That all along the evidence was right there on the table. And here I am now writing in my log. The log of the guilty. I know it wasn't really "me". I saw everyone who could help me. A therapist, a neurologist... and finally, **FINALLY**, they figured out what happened. It was him in jail. But he hypnotised me. He controlled me during my blank spots and that's why I can't remember anything. But finally, despite the result, what's done is done and I can finally res...**NO NOOOO IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN!**

Arjun Manivannan, Year 7



500 WORDS



Year 7 Bake Sale Success

On Thursday 19th May, the Year 7 student council had organised a bake sale. This was held inside unfortunately as the weather was not playing ball!. After a quiet start during the first break, the cake sale was inundated with students, keen to buy a cake, cookie or muffin. The Year 7 student council worked hard to sell and after a frantic 20 minutes had almost sold out. To sell the final few goodies, Yasmin & Jake popped into a number of staff offices at lunch, to get our final sales of the day.

The bake sale has been a huge success and raise an impressive **£193**

A big thank you to all the students and parents that baked to support the sale today from both myself and the Year 7 student council.

Mrs Belton Owen
Director of Studies, Year 7





Reminder!

The deadline for ABRSM music entries for July 2022 is Friday 27th May 2022 using the form linked [here](#).

Thank you

Mrs Casling, Head of Music



Safeguarding and e-Safety Notice for Parents / Carers

With half term approaching it's likely many of our young people will be communicating online. The Internet Matters organisation have produced this helpful guide to the privacy setting and controls available on the most popular social media apps: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/>

Have a lovely half term break,

H.J. Gilmore
Deputy Head and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Auto-injectors/ Epipens

Parents please check the 'use by' date on your child's Auto-injector/Epipen.

Your child should carry an up to date device and the school office should hold an emergency device. Both should be prescribed for your child only.

Out of date Auto-injectors will unfortunately stop your child being allowed on school trips.

Thanks for your cooperation

Mrs Haslam
SEND and Inclusion Manager





*Can you solve
the clues?*

*School play
December 2022*



OK Detectives, there
are 3 clues in this
picture.

it's a Disney movie and
these colours represent
the country it is set in



THE ROYAL SOCIETY



Meet the scientists in person as the Summer Science Exhibition returns to central London this July

The Royal Society's Summer Science Exhibition is back in person between 6 – 10 July 2022, offering a free, interactive experience for anyone curious about the latest technological and scientific advances. Get hands-on with berry-powered solar cells, find out how you could join the hunt for unknown species in your back garden, or meet the scientists designing remote-healing technology.

From exploring this year's exhibits to planning your visit, find out all the details and more on the Summer Science website.

[Explore more](#)



**TUESDAY
12TH JULY,
2022 6PM**

**BEXLEY GRAMMAR
SCHOOL**

**JAZZ
EVENING**



**ON THE SCHOOL
FIELD,
WEATHER
PERMITTING**

**REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED BY THE
PARENTS' ASSOCIATION**

IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, THE EVENING WILL BE MOVED INSIDE TO THE SCHOOL HALL

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
[HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK/E/JA
ZZ-EVENING-2022-TICKETS-344127353177](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/jazz-evening-2022-tickets-344127353177)**

£6/£4

CONCESSION



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 11th 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





BGS Summer Fayre & Sports Day

Saturday 11th June 2022

10.30am - 2.30pm



Summer Fayre Donation Request

Books

I will be running a book sale stall at the Summer Fayre and I'm on the hunt for donations of books for any ages! If you have any books you no longer want, I will gladly take them for the stall. They can be brought to the Library or left at Reception.

Thanks,

Mrs Carey, School Librarian

Are you spring cleaning and clearing out in the half term break?

You can donate any unwanted items and Christmas gifts to the Summer Fayre:

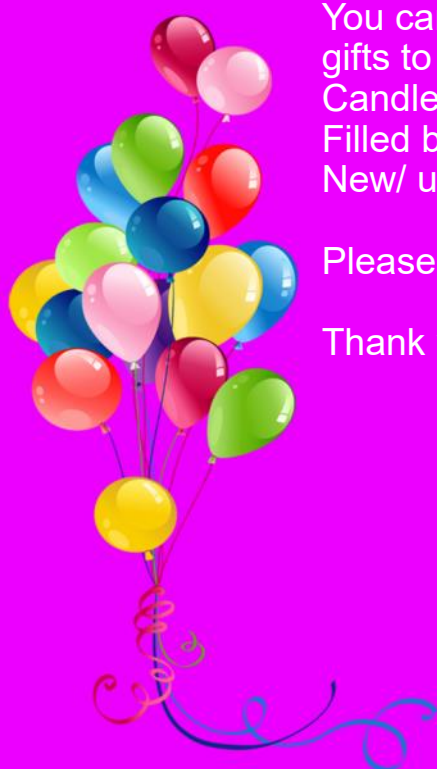
Candles, toiletries etc.

Filled bottles of wine, bubble bath etc.

New/ unused teddy bears.

Please hand them in at the Reception.

Thank you





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**





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- Translate any poem out of any language into English
- Write a commentary (up to 300 words)
- Three categories: 14-and-under, 16- and-under, 18-and-under
- Free to enter (individually, in pairs or in groups)
- **Deadline: Monday 11th July**

Romanian Spotlight

The 'Romanian Spotlight' is a special strand of the Stephen Spender Prize.

- **3 cash prizes** available (£100 each).
- The three winners will have their translation published online and in the 2022 prize booklet.
- Up to three highly commended runners-up per category will have their names printed in the prize booklet and their poems published on the official website.

P.S. no need to be perfectly fluent native speakers :)



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The green tent forever
changed into some light-blue
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into a Fair Isle sweat er that
sleeps out in the rain.
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its breath. The hair elastic changed fore
ver into a black snail, changed forever into a pony
tail that dropped mid-flight. The microphone on the air
cmen changed forever into a neglected football, changed
forever into the wet slippery rock agape to this day. The panic
changed forever into silence from the freshwater crayfish and
the sleeping princesses. The grief forever changed into vines
overflowing with roses. The grief changed into a decade of
sleep while the roses climbed the asphalt, spread along the
concrete, floor by floor, forever growing in the
broken windows.

ENDRE RUSET, NORWEGIAN POET
IN MEMORY OF THE 2011 TERRORIST ATTACKS IN NORWAY

Translated by Harry Man
Winner 2021 - Open category (age 19+)

Parents can also
submit an entry :)
more info on the
official website!

For further information, please contact Miss Giglione (giglione_m@bexleygs.co.uk)



KS3 SHOWCASE

WEDNESDAY 25TH MAY

**TICKETS £5 / £3 CONCESSIONS
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BGS MUSIC DEPT

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2022

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BGS PA

Summer Raffle!



Fantastic prizes to be won!

Grand prize: £200 Bluewater Voucher

- ★ Family Day Out at Windsor Castle
- ★ 4 Tickets for The London Bridge Experience & Tombs
- ★ Fire Pit BBQ
- ★ 4 Adventure Island Tickets
- ★ £50 Amazon Voucher
- ★ His & Her Pamper Hamper
- ★ For the Gin Lover
- ★ Plus many more prizes!

Tickets £1 each

To buy your tickets, visit:
bgspa.co.uk/raffle

Last day
to buy raffle
tickets online
is Fri 3 June.

The draw
will be on
11 June at the
Summer Fayre &
winners notified.



Forthcoming Events

May

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

June

Monday 6th ~ first school day following the half term holiday

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

click [here](#) to read Mr Skinner's/ Miss Anderson's Dates for your Diary Letter